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**Monthly Meeting Room Brick Plaza at 270 Chambers Bridge Rd**

**"WORKING FOR MARINE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS"**

## JCAA REGULAR MEETING:

**Tuesday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**

**Starting at 7:30 PM**

**At Brick Plaza at 270 Chambers Bridge Rd**

## NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING

**Thursday, March 11th, 2010**

**Starting at 7:30 PM at JCAA Office**

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** JCAA General Mtg

**February 27<sup>th</sup>** Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series

**March 11<sup>th</sup>** JCAA Board Mtg

**March 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** Saltwater Expo

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

## **HIGH ROLLER RAFFLE**

It is now time for the JCAA High Rollers 2010 Raffle. We have put together a terrific selection of rods and reels and other prizes for a raffle that will be drawn on April 27, 2010. This is a major fundraiser for the JCAA. The 8 prizes are listed below with a value of over \$3,536.00. Tickets will be two dollars each and Club Representatives can get books of tickets to sell by attending a JCAA meeting. If you would like to buy raffle tickets call the JCAA office. When your club representative brings them to your club, please help with your purchase. Without your continued support we cannot function as an organization in protecting the marine resource and angler's rights.

Here is the 2010 Prize List - drawing April 27, 2010 at Brick Civic Plaza at 7:30 p.m. Total value - \$3,536.00

- 1) Shimano Tiagra TI-30WL RSA Reel with Shimano TLC X58 MHRSA Rod (donated by JCAA) - \$688 value
- 2) Igloo Great White 250 Quart Cooler (Donated by West Marine) - \$599 value
- 3) Minn Kota Riptide Trolling motor model RT 55/SE/L&D (Donated by Johnson Outdoors Inc) - \$550 value
- 4) Shimano Calcutta 400 BSV Reel with Shimano Calcutta CLC-X76H Rod (Donated by JCAA) - \$430 value
- 5) Shimano Tyrnos 20 Reel with Profile G15630 MH Rod (donated by JCAA) - \$389 value

- 6) Shimano Stradic 5000 FI Reel with Shimano Teramar TMS-70MH Rod (donated by JCAA) - \$380 value
- 7) Shimano Calcutta 400 BSV Reel with Shimano Trevala TVC 66M Rod (donated by JCAA) - \$350 value
- 8) Penn 320 GT Reel with Ugly Stik BWC/A0 2201 Rod (donated by Bruce Freeman) - \$150 value

## President's Report

*By Mark Taylor*

At our January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting there was election of officers. Congratulations to the newly elected officers, Eileen Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and Don Marantz 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President. Thank you for electing me to be your President for another year. I take this position very seriously and will continue to make Jersey Coast Anglers Association even stronger. This can be done with the help of your newly elected officers and you.

I have been mentioning in my column for the pass few months that everyone must keep updated and informed on the issues. There are news releases from ASMFC that are sent out from time to time. The ASMFC had their 2010 Winter Meeting in Alexandria, Virginia on February 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. You can get a copy of the meeting summary at <http://www.asmfc.org/breakingNews.htm>. It is very important that everybody participates in this process. You and your clubs need to attend 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.

The NJMFC has scheduled their Summer Flounder Committee on February 23rd. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the 2010 recreational management measures. JCAA will have someone present at this meeting.

There is a Fishermen to march rally in Washington on February 24<sup>th</sup>. The rally is to demonstrate against the unintended negative impacts of the Magnuson Stevens Conservation and Management Act (MSA) and get congressional support on Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr.'s (D-NJ) *Flexibility in Rebuilding American Fisheries Act (The Flexibility Bill)* of the Magnuson Stevens Conservation and Management Act (MSA). The Magnuson Stevens Conservation and Management Act (MSA) was revised in January of 2007. There are buses being made available for the ride down to Washington. To find out more information about the buses check out some of the organizers of the rally's web sites. Save the summer Flounder [www.ssfff.net](http://www.ssfff.net), RFA, CCGF, United Boatmen of New York, United Boatmen of New Jersey, New York Sportfishing Federation, Maryland Saltwater Sportfishermen's Association and the Fishing Rights Alliance. Jersey Coast Anglers Association does support Congressman Pallone's Flexibility Bill. If you don't have a seat on one of the buses, this is your last chance.

Pots off the Reef Bill S221 made its first step in the new legislature. It passed out of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee. This bill has a long way to go in the process to become a law. We will keep you informed. There are a list of bills that are being put together to help you keep your eye on. When the list is completed it will be available.

After talking with a lot of people at the resent shows there are many people that don't know that there is a new federal law in effect. At the booths we informed those individuals but we as New Jersey Saltwater Recreational Fishermen need to help get the information out to fellow fishermen. The new federal law that is affecting all New Jersey saltwater recreational fishermen starting January 1, 2010 is a National Saltwater Angler Registry. The National Saltwater Angler Registry is free in 2010. To register anglers can visit <http://www.countmyfish.noaa.gov> and click on the Angler Registry link, or call the toll-free registration line at 1-888-MRIP411 (1-888-674-7411) from 4:00 am to 12:00 midnight EST daily. Anglers will need to provide their name, date of birth, address and telephone number, and will receive a registration number that will allow them to begin fishing immediately. Anglers will receive a registration card in the mail in about 30 days.

The High Roller Raffle is in full swing. As usual the items that are in the raffle are great quality. Raffle tickets are being sold at each of the shows that JCAA has a booth. So come see us at one of the shows or call the office to get your raffles.

With the show season now in progress, JCAA is still looking for volunteers to staff a booth. With the **Atlantic City International Power Boat Show** which was held on Feb. 3rd -7<sup>th</sup> completed, I would like to thank those that volunteered the time through this rough show due to the bad snow storm. There are two shows and one seminar that we will be attending the rest of the show season. There is **Saltwater Sportsman National Seminar** Feb. 27th, **The Saltwater Expo Show** Mar. 19th to 21st and **The NJ Wild Outdoor Expo** Sept. 25th to 26th. Mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend. If anyone is interested right now in volunteering, please contact me at [mtsport64@aol.com](mailto: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.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** the Coast Guard will be terminating its transmission of LORAN-C. The Coast Guard published a Federal Register notice on Jan. 7, 2010 regarding its intention to terminate transmission of the LORAN-C signal Feb. 8, 2010. A LORAN Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision stating that the environmentally preferred alternative is to decommission the LORAN-C Program and terminate the North American LORAN-C signal was published in the Federal Register on Jan. 7, 2010. Don't be one of those individuals that read this and forget about it until you are getting your boat ready.

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](mailto: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. So send in a description and promote your club and possibly get new members that live or fish in your area.

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. Give the office a call, she would like to hear from you.

## Operations Manager Report

*By Sharon McKenna*

It has been another exciting month at the JCAA office. We continue to receive phone calls and mail regarding the saltwater registry, which is mandatory for those who fish for or catch anadromous species (striped bass, shad, river herring) in state tidal waters; or fish in Federal waters (more than 3 miles from shore). You do not have to register if you are under 16 years of age; only fish on federally licensed party or charter boats; hold a Highly Migratory Species Angling Permit; or hold a Saltwater Fishing License in another state or signed up for the registry in another state. It is easy to register, either on line or by phone. Register online at [www.countmyfish.noaa.gov](http://www.countmyfish.noaa.gov) or call toll free 888-674-7411. I cannot register you for the saltwater registry and will direct you to the website and/or phone number if needed. The saltwater registry was a lively topic at our booth at the Atlantic City International Boat Show. Many of the people who stopped by our booth were unaware of the mandatory registry and had a lot of questions about it. There was great attendance while we handed out the newspaper, our new tri-fold rack card, the new white paper on Striped Bass Migration written by Bruce Freeman, and briskly sold High Roller raffle tickets. As always, the prizes are great and for \$2 a ticket, it is an easy and painless way to donate to the JCAA's education programs.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Fluke Tournament continues to attract high quality, national sponsorships for our port prizes! We welcome on board a slew of port prize sponsors. They are Ugly Stik, Berkley, Spiderwire and PENN. You can read more about these port prize sponsors, which are featured in this newspaper. We at JCAA are pleased to welcome them on board! Thank you Ugly Stik, Berkley, Spiderwire and PENN, for supporting JCAA and its mission to protect our marine resources and the rights of saltwater anglers. Of course, excitement is building for the Fluke Tournament! We are very close to finalizing every detail (one last sponsor to go!) and will be able to send out invitations, information, entry forms and High Roller raffle

books to our past participants. If you know someone who loves to fluke, spread the word. Remember, you only compete against the anglers who land their fluke at your same home port, and there are TEN port prizes at each port to vie for! The odds are great you will walk away with a prize! The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Fluke Tournament will be held on June 12, 2010, so mark your calendars, make your plans and be on the lookout for your entry form! The Awards Ceremony will again be held at the Trump Marina Hotel Casino on Friday, June 18.

On Friday, February 12, I attended the Jersey Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) 2010 Symposium on Tourism & Business, "A Partnership For Success." This event was hosted by The Jersey Shore CVB & MODC Cultural & Tourism Committee. The mission of the Jersey Shore CVB is to promote a positive image of the environmental, cultural and historical assets of the region through marketing programs that generate leisure and business tourism thus increasing tax revenues and employment opportunities. During the symposium, marketing and promotional opportunities were discussed. JCAA was a unique player in the room, because we are a non-profit charitable organization with a one-day sweeping event that affects tourism throughout the state – the Fluke Tournament. Those logistics were a challenge to the tourism professionals in the room, so there will be further discussions about it in the coming days and weeks. Definitely time well spent.

Finally, thank you all for your support of JCAA. Several grants have been applied for and soon we will start hearing about our successes. Thank you to those of you who have shared possible granting and fundraising opportunities. Please call if you have any further fundraising suggestions. The office is open from 9 – 2 weekdays, so please do not be a stranger. 732-506-6565.

**JCAA welcomes Berkley and Penn as port prize sponsors for the 16th Annual Fluke Tournament**

**The challenge of fluke with spinning tackle**

Early season fluke fishing find these aggressive flat fish in the shallower waters as they depart the depths of the Continental Shelf and move

inshore. Slow moving tides keep the food continuously fresh. Much like a bluefish, flukes will chase baits and strike with authority. Tackle and angler talents are tested and choosing the right reel is essential to winning the never-ending battles. A popular choice is the spinning reel as anglers enjoy the challenge more so than with conventional heavier baitcast tackle. Only the most rugged and high performance spinning reel should be used, like the new Penn Conquer. This durable workhorse is perfect for bringing the hardest charging fluke to the boat.

Fluke enjoy a good chase for their food as much as the next fish. And anglers have a wide range of presentations and baits to choose from. A favorite is drifting with the tides with live bait or soft artificials such as Berkley Gulp!. The Penn Conquer gives the angler complete control of the drifting baits allowing for detection of even a sensitive light strike. Yet the backbone and muscle of this durable spinning reel provides a strong hookset leading to the fight.

Other techniques involve cast and retrieve methods including the use of a one-ounce jig head and a bright soft trailer such as a green chartreuse Berkley PowerBait 3-inch Grub originally designed for freshwater use. Attack back-bay areas and work the bait erratically in the murky water.

Other applications include slip-float fishing on the flats, a Carolina rig and even trolling when the tide is not moving.

The Penn Conquer paired with a seven-foot rod is ideal when anglers are fishing from the beach, piers, jetties or boats. Spinning tackle is easy to use and with the new Easy Access System cleaning is now easier than ever.

The Conquer™ spinning reel from Penn® is built with all the quality and workmanship the brand has delivered for over 75 years. Designed for inshore and ideal for fluke fishing, this reel is built for any saltwater angling.

The Conquer introduces proprietary design elements that ensure the angler with the best operating spinning reel in the price range. Exclusive to the Conquer reel is the EAS™ (Easy Access System). A single screw secures a rear hatch that when open provides full access to the gearbox for lubricating gears and bearings without worry of any parts falling out.

Also found only on this reel is the spool lip design with Eternal Alloy™ construction,

incorporating strength and hardness twice that of titanium alloy. The spool lip is protected from dents, nicks and scratches, which are a major cause of decreased casting distances and line damage.

Four sizes of the Conquer are available. The 9.9-ounce CQR2000 has a retrieve ratio of 5.1:1 The CQR4000 weighs 11.1 ounces with a gear ratio of 5.8:1. The 14.6-ounce CQR5000 and 18.1-ounce 7000 each have a gear ratio of 4.8:1.

Other features of this new reel with patented one-piece machined aluminum gear box include a Superline Spool™ eliminating the need for backing, 10+1 shielded stainless steel bearings, HT-100™ drag washers for smooth drag under heavy loads, Techno-Balanced™ rotor and Leveline® oscillation.

## **Fisheries Management & Legislative Report**

*By Thomas Fote*

### **NMFS – IT JUST GETS WORSE**

With every administration I hope for positive changes in the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Once again, I am disappointed. The new head of National Oceanic & Atmospheric Agency (NOAA), Dr. Lubchenco, has made decisions that show her lack of understanding about this nation's fisheries and the management of those fisheries. These poor decisions are compounded by decisions made at the regional level.

**First**, we need to consider the proposed budget for NMFS. I was in Washington at the ASMFC meeting when I received this proposed budget. I knew the proposed budget would have no increase. What I didn't know is that Dr. Lubchenco would find money for her personal agenda at the expense of science, stock assessment and the needs of the recreational and commercial industries and the fishing communities. Both commercial and recreational groups have been working for an increase in funding for stock assessment, data gathering, observer coverage and science. We all agree that the fatal flaw in the management process is the poor science due to lack of accurate information on stock assessment and recreational catch numbers. What we got is a reduction in all the programs that would give us good science.

There is no increase in the budget, so the \$33 million increase for the Catch Shares Program comes

from existing science and data gathering programs. For example, they are proposing to take \$6 million from cooperative research and transfer it to the Catch Shares Program. They also transfer \$11.4 million from fisheries research and management to the Catch Shares Program. This does not fund the entire \$36.6 million increase. They also cut observers by \$3,015,000 and "other activities that are supporting fisheries science" by \$30 million, but don't say specifically where it will go. I was first contacted by the Marine Fish Conservation Network and PEW about their concerns with this budget. PEW has indicated they will fight these budget cuts in Congress. I also talked to our legislators and other recreational and commercial groups and their outrage is nearly unanimous. I think it is the first time that I heard almost all the groups on the same page in the last couple of years. I imagine the Environmental Defense Fund (where Dr. Lubchenco was on the board) will be pleased with this budget since they have been working for catch shares programs.

Catch shares are a management tool. That is all they are. They are designed to reduce the number of recreational anglers and commercial fishermen. Those of us with any experience in fisheries management recognize that good science needs to be the priority and no additional management tools should be put in place until that science is available. This is a step backwards and we can only hope that Congress will not allow this budget nightmare. No stimulus money went for fisheries! Catch shares will reduce the number of jobs available. That is anti-stimulus. You need to contact your Senators and Congressmen and ask them to do whatever it takes to change the priorities in this budget.

**Second**, the Marine Recreational Fishery Statistical Survey (MRFSS) is generating even less confidence than in the past, something I find hard to believe is possible. Many of the problems we are having with black sea bass, summer flounder, and scup are directly related to poor stock assessment. When ASMFC and the MAFMC met in December, we didn't have wave 5 data. NMFS indicated that data was simply slow in coming. But NMFS managed to take emergency action to shut down the black sea bass fishery using the missing data and surrogate projections. At the February ASMFC meeting I expected to have access to the recreational catch numbers for 2009 so we could use that information to make informed management

decisions. When I asked for the figures, I was told we still didn't have access to the September/October wave 5 data. We were told we would have to use surrogate numbers to determine the conservation equivalency for summer flounder and the coast-wide regulations on black sea bass. When I asked the Northeast Regional Director why this data was not available, I was told that they had new contractors and there were problems getting the information. We were told to use 2008 data and a very precautionary approach.

In 2002 NMFS had a similar problem with a new contractor and NMFS eventually fired that contractor. They used surrogate numbers for the entire 2002 without informing ASMFC and MAFMC that they were estimated numbers. That created serious problems for New York and other states since we made management decisions based on these numbers.

To make sure this would not happen again, I asked the Northeast Regional Director if we would have to use estimated data for the entire year as we did in 2002 or if there was a different problem. I was astounded with the answer. I was told that MRFSS was not my job! Since when are commissioners denied information or brushed off in that arrogant manner. As a commissioner I attend many public hearings. When a member of the public asks for information I do not have, I attempt to get that information quickly and respond to their concerns. I guarantee if this was a commercial statistical data problem, the Regional Director would have gotten the information before attending the meeting. Since she has little respect for recreational concerns, particularly at the Mid-Atlantic region, she felt no responsibility to provide that information to us or attempt to get the information and make it available before the 4 days of meetings ended. And they wonder why nobody trusts them!

**Lastly,** NMFS representatives to ASMFC have always been pro-commercial and have always pushed for an increase in the harvest of striped bass. NMFS doesn't control the harvest of striped bass since there is a moratorium on harvesting striped bass in federal waters. Right now there is a Presidential Executive Order that states that if striped bass is opened in the EEZ it will be for recreational fishing only and the states should be looking at making striped bass a recreational only catch. I guess NMFS and the US Fish and Wildlife Service likes to ignore executive orders. They were the

deciding votes in proposing an amendment to increase the commercial fishery of striped bass in state waters. Over the years I have watched the US Fish and Wildlife Service and NMFS vote on allocation issues and frequently cast the deciding vote. This allows them to interfere in what should be state decisions and impose their agenda on the states.

For years, JCAA has written many letters to the President and Congress complaining about this intrusion. Going back to the early 90's, as a commissioner I have made motions to deal with this problem to make them non-voting members. I have been unsuccessful since state directors are afraid of NMFS checkbook. Even though state directors dislike their votes, they are unwilling to take a stand. Sometimes those votes have been favorable to my point of view, but I still contend they have no business voting on allocation battles for the states. If they have a vote at all, it should only be on science-related issues. Their current push for catch shares simply makes NMFS and the US Fish and Wildlife Service more determined than ever to maintain their votes on allocation issues.

Despite all the bad news, there is a bit of good news. Eric Schwabb has been appointed to run NMFS. His experience is impressive and is included in the press release below. When Eric was Maryland's commissioner to ASMFC, we worked together. We stayed in contact as he held other positions. I respect his knowledge of fisheries management and recreational issues. As a former state director and resource director for the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, he understands the problems the states confront. The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies represent all 50 states so Eric's experience is impressive. I have always found Eric willing to discuss different points of view with an open mind. We hope we now have a director at NMFS who will be a voice of reason. With his experience, he can provide the leadership necessary to shift NMFS priorities to good science first.

### **Striped Bass**

Below is the report from ASMFC Board Meeting. As I pointed out above, because of the vote by NMFS and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, ASMFC is drafting an addendum to increase the commercial quotas. This was done after spending most of the meeting hearing about the dismal shape of striped bass in Chesapeake Bay. It

seems disease is running rampant and there is much concern about the stocks. It will be interesting to see this addendum at the May meeting. Hopefully, we will come to our senses and defeat this addendum before it goes to public hearings.

## **ATLANTIC STRIPED BASS MANAGEMENT**

### **BOARD (February 2, 2010)**

#### **Meeting Summary**

*The Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board met to elect a Board vice-chair; review a report from the Technical Committee, including presentations from three guest speakers on mycobacteriosis; review the status of the 2010 Cooperative Winter Tagging Cruise; and discuss the coastal commercial quotas for striped bass.*

*The Technical Committee (TC) Report responded to five tasks from the Management Board regarding the juvenile abundance index (JAI) trigger, implications of mycobacteriosis on the stock, implications of overestimating recreational catch on stock assessment results, the availability and use of poaching estimates in stock assessment, and evidence for an offshore shift in stock distribution. The TC Report is available on the Commission's website*

*(<http://www.asmfmc.org/strippedBassMM.htm>); only partial details are included here.*

*The TC reported that it did not recommend using an abbreviated time series when evaluating the JAI trigger, and, as per a proposed work plan, will complete a more thorough review of each JAI and the definition of recruitment failure for the Management Board in May. Discussion and action in response to the TC's recommendation regarding a potential recreational catch overestimation was referred to the ISFMP Policy Board because of multispecies implications. Based on the reported lack of adequate poaching estimates for inclusion in stock assessments, a subcommittee of law enforcement and TC representatives was tasked with designing study methods capable of producing assessment-grade poaching estimates. The Management Board also recommended that the ISFMP Policy Board consider sending letters to the National Marine Fisheries Service and the United States Coast Guard requesting greater fines and permit sanctions for vessels that illegally harvest striped bass in federal waters.*

*The 2010 Cooperative Winter Tagging Cruise has been delayed due to vessel repairs and funding complications. The issue of securing long-term funding was referred to the ISFMP Policy Board because, in addition to tagging striped bass, the cruise collects important biological data on multiple Commission-managed species.*

*The discussion of coastal commercial quotas resulted in a motion to initiate an addendum to increase the coastal commercial quotas for striped bass; the motion passed. A draft addendum will be prepared for the Board's meeting in May. Before considering action to approve the draft addendum for public comment, the Board will first hear the report from the TC on JAIs. For more information, please contact Nichola Meserve, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at (202) 289-6400 or [nmeserve@asmfc.org](mailto:nmeserve@asmfc.org).*

#### **Motions**

##### **Move to nominate Tom O'Connell as Vice-Chair of the Striped Bass Management Board.**

*Motion made by Mr. Goldsborough and seconded by Mr. Augustine. Motion passes by consent.*

##### **Move to initiate an addendum to increase the coastwide commercial quota.**

*Motion made by Mr. Augustine and seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion carries (Roll Call Vote: In favor – NY, DE, MD, PRFC, VA, NC, USFWS, NMFS; Opposed – ME, NH, MA, RI, CT, NJ, PA; Abstention – DC).*

## **Scup and Black Sea Bass**

I was left with more questions than answers from the summer flounder, black sea bass and scup meeting. We were forced to make decisions using surrogate numbers and I never got a satisfactory answer about why we needed a 44% reduction of the recreational black sea bass quota. Because the meeting was running long, the chairman of the committee decided to end discussion on black sea bass before I was able to get them to discuss the dates for the black sea bass fishery. Even though I think the season should be longer, the dates chosen (May 22 to September 12) are problematic. In most states these dates will have summer flounder and black sea bass open and closed at the same time, leaving private boats and party and charter boats

with nothing to fish for during a good portion of the available fishing season. This should have been taken into consideration. I understand that there was a discussion at the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council and a recommendation for a different season was forwarded to the Regional Director. Much of this could have been avoided if NMFS had not fought against a review by the SSC in October or if we were not forced to use surrogate data. The report from ASMFC on scup and black sea bass is below:

### ***ASMFC Scup Meeting Summary***

*The Board also reviewed Technical Committee recommendations for regional scup recreational proposals for the 2010 fishery. The Board voted to reduce the length of the party/charter sectors bonus season for the northern region of the fishery (MA, RI, CT, and NY) by 10 days and the bag limit by 5 fish. All other state scup recreational fishery management measures will remain unchanged from 2009. This action was taken to address an apparent large increase in catch and effort in this party/charter sector during the 45 day bonus season in the 2009 fishery which allowed a 45 fish bag limit. The Technical Committee and Board were constrained by the absence of any MRFSS catch per angler or size composition data and the lack of wave 5 (September –October) harvest estimates. In making its decision, the Board considered the results of the 2009 scup stock assessment which indicated that recent fishing mortality is well below the overfishing definition and current spawning stock biomass is over twice the target.*

### ***ASMFC Black Sea Bass Meeting Summary***

*The Board also approved an increase in the 2010 black sea bass quota, the new total allowable landing (TAL) would be 3.7 million pounds contingent upon the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) increasing the quota. This increase is based on a recommendation from the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Science and Statistical Committee. The Board also recommended regulations for the 2010 recreational fishery if the TAL is increased by NMFS. The recommended regulations would be adopted by the states if NMFS adopts them. The Board recommended a 12.5" minimum size limit (not including the tendril), 25 possession limit, and a season of May 22 – September 12.*

## **NOAA RELEASE**

### **Eric Schwaab as the new Assistant Administrator for NMFS**

It gives me great pleasure to announce Eric Schwaab as the new assistant administrator for fisheries, starting February 16. We are excited to have someone with Eric's experience and proven leadership to bring a fresh perspective to the management of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service. Eric will lead NOAA's efforts to rebuild our fisheries and the jobs and livelihoods that depend on them. His immediate priorities include improving outreach and relationships with recreational and commercial fishermen, better aligning federal and regional fisheries priorities, restoring confidence in fisheries law enforcement, and promoting management approaches that will achieve both sustainable fisheries and vibrant coastal communities.

Eric brings more than 25 years of experience in local, state and federal natural resource management. He has spent the majority of his career at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, where he began as a natural resources police law enforcement officer in 1983. He eventually served as director of the Maryland Forest Service; director of the Maryland Forest, Wildlife and Heritage Service; and director of the Maryland Fisheries Service. In 2003, Eric left the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to serve as resource director for the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies until 2007. He then returned to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources as the deputy secretary. Eric has also served as a member of the U.S. Department of Commerce Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee.

Eric is a creative and proven manager, consensus builder and leader. He has developed and implemented solutions to address challenges in regional habitat restoration, including Chesapeake Bay restoration issues, fish and wildlife conservation, public lands management, natural resources law enforcement, public agency administration, strategic planning and leadership development.

I am excited to welcome Eric to the NOAA family. He will work with NOAA leadership, the fisheries service, his fellow assistant administrators



and our many constituents to further our efforts to protect and manage the nation's fisheries, our other trust resources including marine mammals and sea turtles, and the ecosystems upon which they depend. Welcome Eric!

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to Dr. Jim Balsiger, the acting assistant administrator, for his superb and sustained leadership. Jim has led the fisheries service for over two years in this capacity, far from his home in Alaska, and done so with distinction. He was especially instrumental in engaging the fishery management councils in the process of developing the draft catch shares policy. Dr. Balsiger will soon return to his position as NOAA Fisheries' regional administrator for Alaska, but before doing so will assist Eric with his transition into the fisheries service and NOAA. I'd also like to thank the entire team at NOAA Fisheries who have done an excellent job during this period.

Dr. Jane Lubchenco  
Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and  
Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator

**Discarded medicine can end up in rivers**  
**Bill seeks 'take-back' of drugs by makers**  
**By The Associated Press, 2/8/2010**

PORTLAND, Maine — The federal government advises throwing most unused or expired medications into the trash instead of down the drain, but they can end up in the water anyway, a study from Maine suggests.

Tiny amounts of discarded drugs have been found in water at three landfills in the state, confirming suspicions that pharmaceuticals thrown into household trash are ending up in water that drains through waste, according to a survey by the state's environmental agency that's one of only a handful to have looked at the presence of drugs in landfills.

That landfill water — known as leachate — eventually ends up in rivers. Most of Maine doesn't draw its drinking water from rivers where the leachate ends up, but in other states that do, water supplies that come from rivers could potentially be contaminated.

The results of the survey are being made known as lawmakers in Maine consider a bill, among the first of its kind in the nation, that would require

drug manufacturers to develop and pay for a program to collect unused prescription and over-the-counter drugs from residents and dispose of them.

Scientists and environmentalists have long known of the common presence of minute concentrations of pharmaceuticals in drinking water, either through human excretion flushed into sewers or leftover medicine thrown down the drain. Research shows that pharmaceuticals sometimes harm fish and other aquatic species, and that human cells can fail to grow normally in the laboratory when exposed to trace concentrations of certain drugs.

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection found tiny amounts — measured in parts per trillion — of medications ranging from antidepressants and birth control pills to blood pressure and cholesterol prescriptions. The most prevalent drugs were over-the-counter pain relievers, including ibuprofen and acetaminophen.

"People need a way to properly dispose of their drugs, and they're not getting it right now," said Mark Hyland, director of the state Department of Environmental Quality's Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management.

The bill is one of many "take-back" programs under consideration in more than half a dozen states and would be the first of its kind if enacted; it has won committee support and awaits further action.

The bill is opposed by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, a Washington-based organization that represents pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies and has partnered with other groups to pay for advertising against the proposal.

The lobby acknowledges that previous testing shows trace levels of pharmaceuticals can be found in water supplies and landfills, but says the levels are so small that they pose little risk.

"The amounts of pharmaceuticals [in the environment] are infinitesimally small," said Marjorie Powell, senior assistant general counsel. "We're talking about two drops in an Olympic-size swimming pool. Those two drops are much lower than any doses that would have an effect on humans."

The state last October tested leachate at landfills in Augusta, Brunswick and Bath. Hyland ordered the study after members of the pharmaceutical industry expressed skepticism about the presence of pharmaceuticals in landfill water.

Leachate at Maine landfills typically is piped or trucked to municipal wastewater treatment plants. Those plants are not equipped to remove drugs from the water before it is discharged into rivers and the ocean.

The pharmaceuticals found in the landfills don't pose a direct threat to drinking water, Hyland said. The landfills are lined to protect groundwater supplies, and in Maine there aren't any wastewater plants that treat leachate and discharge into rivers that ultimately supply drinking water.

But the leachate — in high enough concentrations — can pose a threat to fish and shellfish. Research suggests that hormonal drugs, such as birth control pills, tend to feminize fish. If the trend continues, Hyland said, there could be too few male fish to continue reproduction. “What you find are greater concentrations of females downstream from where they've seen a dose of hormones, so you find a feminization of the fish population where there are fewer males around,” he said.

Hyland said he has questions about the effect on commercial seafood — one of Maine's biggest industries — in ocean waters downstream from the rivers, particularly bivalves such as clams or mussels, which filter water constantly and live near the shore. “But obviously we need to know a lot more before we can draw a lot of conclusions,” Hyland said.

Although landfill leachate doesn't get into drinking water supplies in Maine, it probably does elsewhere, said Andy Tolman, a geologist with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. And some scientists urge caution about the dangers of drinking such water over several decades.

“Many larger states have big rivers that are used for both waste disposal and drinking water supplies, places like Ohio and Pennsylvania,” Tolman said. “The same river gets used a number of times, and they're very concerned about treatment of sewage and leachate.”

Powell, from the pharmaceutical lobby, argued that people can properly dispose of their drugs in their household trash. In Maine, much of the trash is burned, she said, and pollution control experts agree that incinerating unwanted drugs is the safest solution. She argued that if the bill does pass, it will only make drugs more expensive, she said.

Concerns have grown in recent years over pharmaceuticals reaching drinking water supplies.

An Associated Press investigation in 2008 reported that the drinking water of at least 51 million Americans contains minute concentrations of a multitude of drugs.

It's commonly believed that the vast majority of drugs that get into water supplies come from human and animal excretion and that smaller amounts come from flushing them down the toilet or drain, a practice the Food and Drug Administration says is not recommended for most medications.

Federal guidelines recommend using community drug take-back programs to dispose of medications. If those aren't available, people should mix their unwanted drugs with cat litter or some other undesirable substance, put them into a sealed container and put it in the trash, according to the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

## **Dredging in Passaic should begin in**

**December**

**By Scott Fallon, The Record, 2/8/2010**

What's new: Engineers are about halfway through designing a complex dredging operation to scoop 40,000 cubic yards of sediment containing cancer-causing dioxin from the bottom of the Passaic River. The \$45 million project is scheduled to begin in December and last nine months under the supervision of the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

The site of the former Diamond Alkali plant in Newark, the source of the dioxin. Background: At least 200,000 cubic yards of Passaic sediment is contaminated with dioxin. It was released into the river from the former Diamond Alkali plant in Newark, which made the infamous Agent Orange defoliant during the Vietnam War.

The dioxin is only a fraction of the Passaic's pollution. The river also is contaminated with arsenic, chlordane, cyanide and pesticides, among other harmful chemicals that have spread throughout a 17-mile stretch from Newark Bay to the Dundee Dam between Garfield and Clifton. Removing those could cost as much as \$2.3 billion, potentially making it the most costly environmental cleanup ever, according to the EPA.

Future cleanups may be impacted by a lawsuit filed last year by companies that inherited the environmental liability of Diamond Alkali. They claim 300 other parties — including more than 70 municipalities — bear some of the responsibility for

polluting the waterway. The lawsuit is still making its way through Superior Court.

What's next: The dredging project will be the featured topic at Montclair State University's fourth annual "Passaic River Symposium" on June 22. The three previous events each attracted an average of 300 scientists, environmental advocates, government officials and others. More information can be found at [csam.montclair.edu/pri](http://csam.montclair.edu/pri).

## New Jersey Outdoor Alliance Report

*By John Toth*

Anthony Mauro, NJOA's Executive Director, gave a report at the NJOA's January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting on his involvement in Governor's Christie's transition team in reviewing the operations of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Seventeen members were on this team and Anthony reported that his representation brought attention to DEP staff of the challenges it faces in conserving our state's natural resources.

For example, one of the major issues that has been raised at a number of NJOA meetings is the deterioration of our state's forestry and that deterioration has significantly reduced wildlife populations. Quail and other wildlife that were so abundant in the past are virtually gone. The NJOA has been meeting with legislators to bring their attention to this problem and The Forest Stewardship Bill (A3239) and (S713) crafted by these legislators was passed and signed by outgoing Governor Corzine. This bill, among other things, creates a forest stewardship advisory council to better manage our state's forestry.

With the New Year underway, the NJOA Council members will develop a list of bills that it wants to have legislators pass and this list will be in order of priority. Many new legislators have been elected and NJOA staff will meet with them in the near future to familiarize them with these issues that affect hunting and fishing in our state.

The lack of funding for the Department of Wildlife is an ongoing issue and the NJOA will again review this issue at its February 22nd meeting. Discussion of a saltwater fishing license will be on the agenda.

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Entering into its 23<sup>rd</sup> 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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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

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## **Pots Off The Reef Report**

*By John Toth*

At a number of fishing shows, anglers often come up to the JCAA booth and ask me “why is it taking so long to get the Pots Off the Reefs bill passed?” This is a very legitimate question and while this bill has merit, it takes a long time to meander through the political landscape in Trenton. One lobbyist told me that if you can get a bill passed in two years in Trenton, you are going fast!

Well, this Pots Off the Reefs bill (S 221) picked up some speed since it passed in the state Senate and Environment and Energy Committee on February 1<sup>st</sup> that was presided over by Senator Smith. JCAA members Don Marantz, Tom Siciliano and myself went to Trenton to testify for the JCAA on behalf of this bill. The hearing room was packed and the commercial anglers, especially lobstermen, expressed their feelings against this bill. Bill Figley, who actually developed these reefs, gave a very convincing and informative testimony as to why these reefs should not be dominated by commercial interests. Even Senator Smith commended Bill on his testimony.

The commercial side argued that if they were not allowed to use the reefs the restaurants would not have fish or lobsters. Bill Figley retorted that the restaurants had plenty of fish and lobsters before the reefs were built so why wouldn't they have them now. He also said that the ocean is a big place and there are many locations where the commercials can set their gear.

The next step is to place this bill up for a full Senate vote. However, before that happens action on a similar bill in the Assembly (A1152) has to move forward for approval in the Assembly Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee. JCAA and the NJOA members will meet with Assembly staff to persuade them to support this legislation.

It is a good sign that the Pots Off The Reefs is getting action so early in this new year. Hopefully, at future fishing shows when anglers come up to the JCAA booth and ask me about the Pots Off the Reefs bill I can say **IT PASSED**

## **Highly Migratory Species**

*By John Koegler*

### **Large Sharks**

Large sharks are an important part of ecosystem management since each shark has specific preferred food species. The current shark management plan ignores their preferred food needs. Even worse, NMFS ignores sharks long life, live birth biological and long time to sexual maturity restraints. NMFS ignores the fact that no directed large shark directed commercial fishery has ever been sustainable. So, regardless of any rules NMFS can impose on commercial shark fishers, this fishery can never be sustainable. Despite the facts, NMFS permits a commercial directed large shark fishery to exist.

The most desirable shark species for food had been the sandbar shark. This species was mostly landed in the GOM and in the Atlantic Ocean below Virginia. NMFS proposed closing this fishery many years ago. But commercial lobbying kept the fishery open until 2008 when only sandbar shark species was closed to direct commercial fishing. But NMFS permits a sandbar Research quota of 87.9 MT DW which is 193,784 lbs DW. Is a research quota of 193,784 DW lbs not an absurd high quota?

Large coastal sharks are primarily bottom feeders. To keep the large coastal shark fishery open for the other shark species makes zero biological sense. Scientists consider this NMFS commercial fishery to be clearly impossible. Landing only non-sandbar sharks will have a major impact caused by the dead discard of sandbar sharks. These dead sandbar shark discards makes it impossible for sandbar sharks to ever rebuild their numbers.

The other large shark fishery is the Pelagic shark fishery including Mako, Porbeagle and blue sharks. Blue sharks are not reported as being commercially targeted due to their poor eating quality. Recreational fishermen report blue shark numbers have sharply declined in the last 10 years. So, clearly something is going on that is not being reported.

### **Bluefin Tuna**

For the fifth year in a row, US giant bluefin tuna landings have been less than 45% of the International Convention on the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) allocated quota. Many reasons have been proposed for this major collapse of a fishery that was among the most lucrative in the world. The good news is 2009 landings was a major improvement of over 100 MT from 2008. The best catches were made in the Cape Cod area last August and September. Recreational catches of large school and small mediums were the best from NJ in many years. Previous years reported the most landings being made from ports in MD. and VA. Since NJ was the historic home port for the first bluefin tuna landings as far back as the 1930's, it may just be that this was their historic home and NJ fishing is returning to normal.

### **Yellowfin Tuna**

No single fishery is more import to anglers and their suppliers than Yellowfin tuna. This is a huge fishery. From Florida to Maine this tuna fishery is the fishery where more money is spent for boats, supplies, trips and fuel than any other recreational fishery. If you include the larger boats purchased for this fishery, the spending was over 100 million dollars per year. That is one huge amount of money. It supports many thousands of jobs on the east coast. Its loss will have a major economic impact!

Over 5 years ago ICCAT mandated that members curtail their Yellowfin tuna landings. This mandate was ignored by everyone but the US. European countries continued to build huge purse seine boats that could target the mid-Atlantic between Africa and Brazil. Their mid-ocean landings have exploded over the last 5 years while US recreational Yellowfin landings have continued to drop lower each season. Last year was the worst since this fishery began in the 1970's.

Anglers must demand from their congressmen pressure on NMFS to demand ICCAT Yellowfin rules be observed. If congressional pressure is still ignored, then only sharply cutting NMFS-HMS and ICCAT budget will get their attention.

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## **YOUTH EDUCATION**

*BY GREG KUCHARAWSKI*

### **GET READY TO FIX RODS & REELS**

As stated in the February youth education report, it's time to get our rods and reels ready for the 2010 fishing season. Let's start with examining the rod guides. Spray the rod guides with WD-40 and use a soft cloth to remove any corrosion on the guides. Next you can use a piece of cotton and a magnifying glass to detect broken and worn guides. Tip: Rub the cotton around the rod guide and look for snags of cotton on the guide. A magnifying glass will help you see grooves in guides. If you happen to find broken or grooved guides, make the repair or bring it to your local tackle dealer and they will assist you with getting your fishing rod ready for action. Do the same with your fishing reels, spray them with WD-40 and wipe them down with a soft cloth. This will remove any moisture in the small crevices of the reel. If you have the directions from when you purchased the reel, refer to the diagram to oil and grease the reel. If you don't have a diagram, look online for the make and model of the reel. Mike's reel repair has a good selection of reel schematics at [www.mikesreelrepair.com](http://www.mikesreelrepair.com) to get you started. Do not attempt to repair a reel without a diagram. You can turn a good reel into instant junk if it is not properly disassembled and cared for during the cleaning and re-greasing process. Keep in mind that if you feel you are not skillful enough to complete the reel cleaning task you can always bring it to your local tackle shop. Most tackle dealers will assist you early in the season with reel repairs. Some shops offer classes and this is a good way to learn the basics of rod and reel repair.

### **NEWARK BAIT & FLYCASTING CLUB**

The JCAA Youth Education Committee will visit the Newark Bait and Flycasting Club 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2010 and present a "Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs" event for youngsters attending their Kids Fishing Night. The Newark Bait and Flycasting Club hosts the event at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located in Union, NJ. Children and their families are welcome to come and enjoy a night of fun fishing activities and refreshments. The Jersey Coast Anglers Association's Youth Education Committee will support this worthwhile event by

conducting a slide presentation about starting a youth fishing club and utilizing materials from HOFNOD, Take Me Fishing, NFBW, and Passport to Fishing and Boating. If time allows we will explain how to run a summer fishing tournament for students.

### **RODS AND REELS FOR KIDS**

Bill Browne and members of the Silverton Fishing Club are assisting the JCAA Youth Education Committee with providing "Rods and Reels for Kids." It's a new program that we are introducing to children at risk for the 2010 fishing season. Members of the Silverton Club offered to repair recycled rods and reels for children that would like to start a fishing club and learn about fishing in a public school environment. The "Rods and Reels for Kids" program will begin at the start of the new year and continue through National Fishing Week at schools in Monmouth and Ocean County. The program will include learning materials from the Hooked on Fishing not on Drugs program and there is also a \$5,000.00 grant for schools to submit. The program is designed to teach students about healthy outdoor activities as an alternative to drugs, alcohol, gangs, and violence. Students will learn about aquatic conservation, biology of a fish, water safety, how to maintain and repair fishing equipment and New Jersey rules and regulations. If you would like to donate used rods and reels that the Silverton Fishing Club can recycle, please phone Bill Browne 732-929-9112. If Mr. Browne is not available, please leave a message and he will return your call. Rods and reels can also be delivered to Mr. Browne's home address: 907 Nevel Street, Toms River, NJ 08753. We already received donations from the Shore Surf Club and Peg Gleman, NCMS/ISAC Committee Member. The JCAA Youth Education Committee will instruct educators and students about utilizing HOFNOD printed materials and assist with the development of organizing a school fishing club. If you would like to help with this worthwhile project, please send me an e-mail with HOFNOD in the subject line at [gkucharews@aol.com](mailto:gkucharews@aol.com).

### **GRANTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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### **NOAA Environmental Literacy Projects:**

NOAA's Office of Education requests applications for environmental literacy projects in K-12 education. Funded projects will be 1-5 years in duration and will promote changes in K-12 education to expand the amount of Earth System Science taught in the classroom. Info: [http://www.oesd.noaa.gov/funding\\_opps.html](http://www.oesd.noaa.gov/funding_opps.html)

### **Pay It Forward Mini-Grants:**

These grants are designed to fund one-time-only, service-oriented projects identified by youth as activities they would like to perform to benefit their school, neighborhood, or greater community. Projects must contain a "pay it forward" focus—that is, they must be based on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others, with the results growing exponentially, to be considered in the grant making process. Information at <http://www.payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/mini-grant.html>.

### **Toshiba America Foundation Grants for 7-12 Math and Science Teachers:**

Toshiba America Foundation grants support innovative projects designed by math and science teachers to make their classrooms more exciting and successful for students. Any 7-12 teacher in a public or private school in the U.S. is eligible. Proposed projects must advance the teacher's science and math teaching units. Proposals are reviewed in February and August. TAF offers similar grants for teachers of grades K-6 with a deadline in October. Visit [http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/upload/page/100045/25964\\_Executive.pdf](http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/upload/page/100045/25964_Executive.pdf).

### **Captain Planet Foundation Grants:**

The Captain Planet Foundation accepts applications four times each year for funding projects that help students better grasp environmental issues. Grants range from \$250 to \$2,500. Projects must promote understanding of environmental issues, focus on hands-on activities, involve children and young adults ages 6 to 18, promote interaction and cooperation within a group, help young people develop planning and problem-solving skills, include adult supervision and commit to follow-up communication with the Foundation. Grant cycles also in June, September and December. Info: <http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx?pid=3&tab=apply>.

### **Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge for Grades 6-8:**

The Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge is a sustainability challenge where students form teams, work with a teacher/mentor to identify an environmental issue in their community, research it, develop a plan, collect data, analyze that data and share the results they've found so far. Teams may be made up of two to three students, each of whom is a U.S. resident enrolled in a public, private, parochial or home school in the U.S, under the supervision of an adult. Go to <http://wecanchange.com/>. DonorsChoose.org: DonorsChoose.org is a simple way to provide students in need with resources that our public schools often lack. At this not-for-profit website, teachers submit project proposals for materials or experiences their students need to learn. These ideas become classroom reality when concerned individuals choose projects to fund. Info at <http://www.DonorsChoose.org>.

If you would like to help with our youth education efforts and offer some of your time to teach children the joy of fishing, please phone 732-785-9278 or e-mail [Gkucharews@aol.com](mailto:Gkucharews@aol.com).

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