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## **JCAA REGULAR MEETING:**

**Tuesday, October 27th, 2014**

**Starting at 7:30 PM**

**AT JERSEY COAST SHARK ANGLERS**

**NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday, November 13th, 2014**

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

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**October 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> ASMFC Annual Meeting**

**October 27<sup>th</sup> JCAA General Meeting**

**November 9<sup>th</sup> JCAA Dinner**

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

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

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

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

**January 8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> Garden State Outdoor Sports Show**

**January 17<sup>th</sup> Salt Water Sportsman Seminar**

**February 26<sup>th</sup> -March 1<sup>st</sup> Greater Philly Outdoor Sport Show**

**March 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Suffern Show**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> Saltwater Fishing Expo**

## **Sportsperson-of-the-Year Award Dinner**

*By Paul Turi, Co-chairman*

Don't forget our annual Sportsperson-of-the-year dinner. This is a major fundraiser for the JCAA. The dinner is Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, again being held at the beautiful Crystal Point Yacht Club in Pt. Pleasant. Ticket prices will be the same as last year. Individual tickets are \$75 each and tables of 10 are \$600, which is a \$150 savings. We will start at 4:00PM with a cocktail hour and a full course dinner will be served immediately after the cocktail hour and we will go until we finish which is around 8:00 or 8:30PM. There will also be a cash bar.

As you know, every year JCAA honors an individual or organization that has done outstanding work to enhance sport fishing or the environment. At our June General Membership Meeting, Fred Bogue was elected this year's sportsperson of the year and will be honored at this year's dinner. Our keynote speaker will be announced shortly.

Also, it would help us out with prizes if each club could donate a gift for a door prize or Chinese or Silent auction prize. Some clubs have been very generous over the years donating some very expensive gifts. Even a small gift worth \$10.00 would be greatly appreciated. Many times we can package several gifts together to make a nice door prize or Chinese Auction prize. It can be a fishing or non-fishing related gift. Remember, I also need gifts for the ladies too.

If anyone has any questions or would like to donate something, I can be reached via email at [pturi6@comcast.net](mailto:pturi6@comcast.net) or at (609) 660-2126. If you would like to reserve your tickets for the dinner, contact Dan Miller at (609) 641-7821.

## President's Report

*By Paul Haertel*

I can't believe another month has passed already. Many of us have been waiting for the incessant winds to stop so we can get out and fish. Then when we do get a nice day, there is little to fish for at least for the inshore and surf fishermen. Fluke season is closed, sea bass season was closed until it finally reopened on 10/18 and we are only allowed to keep one blackfish. Stripers have been few and far between and most of the bigger blues are pretty far offshore. Just what do fisheries managers expect us to fish for at this time of year?

Regarding fluke, the preliminary MRIP data for wave 3 (May-June) and wave 4 (July-August) shows that New Jersey harvested 213,814 fluke in wave 3 and 812,210 fluke in wave 4 for a total of 1,026,024 fluke. Considering the fact that NJ's projected catch was expected to be 906,348 fish for the entire year and we don't even have the wave 5 (September-October) figures yet, it seems certain that NJ will overfish its target. New York's wave 3 catch was 152,438 and wave 4 was 340,980 for a total of 493,418 fluke. Their target is 640,523 fluke so even when the wave 5 data is added it seems that NY will underfish its target. The other state in our region is Connecticut. The data shows that they harvested 56,910 fluke in wave 3 and 58,173 fluke in wave 4 for a total of 115,083 fluke. Their target is 227,939 fluke so it also seems likely that they will underfish their target even when the wave 5 data is factored in. How convenient is that to show that regionalization

works? Overall our region has harvested 1,691,435 fluke of the 1,774,810 target quota. Once the wave 5 data becomes available in mid-November it will be factored in and probably show that our region overfished slightly because NJ overfished its target. Then NJ might be the beneficiary of regionalization because we will not have to reduce our catch as significantly as if there were state-by-state quotas. Regardless of what happens, JCAA will be working with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council and various legislators seeking the fairest regulations for fluke for our state in 2015.

Paul Smith will be stepping down as the JCAA delegate to the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament Committee. I would like to thank Paul for the great job he did as our delegate for many years. We do need someone to replace him as preliminary meetings concerning next year's tournament are scheduled to begin in early November. Some experience with surf fishing and tournaments would be helpful but it is not mandated. Please contact me if you are interested in serving.

The big day for stripers and striper fishermen will be on 10/29 when the ASMFC will be discussing Addendum IV and my guess is that they will choose one of the options requiring a reduction in mortality.

Provided that occurs, we will have to act fast to have bills introduced and passed so that the new law will be in effect by the spring of 2015. The most popular options seem to be 1 fish at 28" or 32" or one smaller fish such as 1 from 28"-34" and a second fish over 36". The 2" gap is problematic but we will attempt to resolve that. However, I am asking our club representatives to discuss this with their clubs and formulate their preferences so we can have a consensus of what type of bill we would like to support. JCAA plans on working with other groups with hope that by working together we can push a bill through that we all can live with.

Grant money is available for fishing-related businesses such as tackle stores and marinas that lost at least \$5000 due to Hurricane Sandy. Here is [the link](#) to fill out a pre-application which must be completed by 10/31/14. Those interested may obtain more info by calling 609-292-9942 or 609-984-0232.

Nominations for all JCAA officer positions are being accepted by our nominating committee. Please contact Don Marantz, John Toth or Jason Estelle if you are interested in serving. Nominations

from the floor will also be accepted at our November and December meetings. The vote will take place at our December meeting.

We need some computer help. We are considering purchasing a new computer for our office that is capable of accepting some of our data from programs I am not familiar with. We also need help with sending out alerts. If anyone can help with these issues, please contact Tom Fote or Paul Turi.

Our Sportsperson of the Year dinner will be held at the Crystal Point Yacht Club beginning at 4:00PM on Sunday, 11/9. This is one of our biggest fundraisers so please try to attend and bring some friends. Everyone always has a great time.

## **NOAA Recreational Saltwater Fishing Summit Final Report Now Available**

October 16, 2014

Today, we're pleased to share the final facilitators' report at [this link](#) from the 2014 National Recreational Saltwater Fishing Summit. The report was prepared by MAKERS, the independent facilitation team brought in to run the meeting.

NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission co-hosted the Summit, which was held April 1-2, 2014 in Alexandria, Virginia. The Summit brought together NOAA leadership with more than 100 leaders from the recreational community and other partners and stakeholders to reflect on past progress, identify current challenges, and discuss solutions.

The final report provides a summary of the meeting discussions and an outline of potential next steps. NOAA Fisheries will review the Summit report and use it to inform our thinking about future decisions and actions.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions. I look forward to continuing to work with you to build on the work of the Summit.

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# **Fisheries Management & Legislative Report**

*By Thomas Fote*

## **Recreational Fishing Industry in Trouble**

Last month I wrote an article titled Recreational Fishing Industry in Trouble. Some of the information I included was given to me in tables with other information shared verbally. I am including some of the tables below. The tables on the number of boats is in an excel file. I will send you a copy if you email me ([tfote@jcaa.org](mailto:tfote@jcaa.org)). The number of recreational fishing trips for the Mid-Atlantic from 2007 to 2013 has shown a downward trend with a loss of over 8 million trips. The Mid-Atlantic went from 22,185,810 in 2007 to 14,036,761 in 2013 coming mostly from the private boat sector. I do not have the state by state numbers of summer flounder trips but I do have New Jersey's. The table shows that in 2010 there were 2,134,097 trips. In 2013 that decreased to 1,295,010. I am still waiting to get summer flounder trips by state from 2007 to 2014 to see the total decrease. What I can show you in the table below is that almost every state has a dramatic reduction in this period of time. For example, New Jersey's total trips in 2007 were 7,198,230 and in 2013 the number was 4,276,738, a decrease of approximately 40%. We are not alone. If you look at all the states in the Mid-Atlantic from Virginia to New York, they all show the same downward trend. You can do the math.

I received from Mike Leonard (ASA) a USCG/NMMA table for boat registration state by state from 2003 until 2013 that originated from Rob Southwick (Southwick Associates). This has different numbers than was in last month's article since it comes from a different source. It is only for 10 years and includes all the states. Those tables are below so you can compare other states. This table shows that NJ had 207,558 boats registered in 2003 and 154,178 boats registered in 2013. This is a 25.7% reduction which is almost double the loss of any other state along the East Coast. Massachusetts at an 11.8% reduction and NY at a 13.5% reduction were the other highest decreases. Some of the other states showed actual growth. However, with the exception of Delaware, all the states from Massachusetts south to Virginia have all seen losses.

Those losses started in either 2007 or 2008. The Mid-Atlantic region has lost 8 million fishing trips since 2007. Check out the table below to compare states. It would be easy to blame all the decreases on the economic downturn and the increase in gas taxes. We could even make Sandy the scapegoat for all these problems. But it is important to remember that in the same time period we saw dramatic decreases in the allowable harvest for summer flounder, scup and black sea bass. We should consider all factors in determining why we saw such a dramatic decrease in recreational fishing, not just look for easy answers. You will find it interesting to note some positive numbers in several states that have primarily freshwater fishing or a mix of freshwater and saltwater. These states were experiencing the same economic issues as the Mid-Atlantic.

We know the number of boats is down dramatically. We know the number of recreation trips is down. I know for a fact the number of saltwater registrations in New Jersey has decreased by a huge number in 2012 and 2013. According to NMFS, the number of fish that we are landing has increased. We need to ask why. One reason could be that NMFS is totally underestimating the number of black sea bass, summer flounder and scup that are available. The other reason could be the way we collect data is worse than it was 20 years ago. Last month I said I could probably do a better job on a Ouija Board and after looking at this year's preliminary numbers nothing has changed my mind. The preliminary data on summer flounder trips for 2014 is even more confounding. Last year we exceeded our target catch even though the number of boats and trips were both down, marinas were closed and we were forced into a regionalization containing New York, Connecticut and New Jersey. New York and Connecticut were allowed to increase the size of the summer flounder they could catch while New Jersey was forced to decrease the size. A reasonable man would assume since New York and Connecticut were allowed to lower their size limit, their catch would increase. We could also assume that New Jersey, forced to fish at a larger size limit, would see a decreased catch. Get out your Ouija board again. In 2014, just the opposite is happening. The early waves are in and New Jersey is going over the target and Connecticut and New York are below their targets. Go figure!

We all know the economic value of the boating and fishing industries in New Jersey and

other states. We estimate the value in NJ as being over two billion dollars each year. The latest press release from NJ Fishing and Wildlife states that recreational fishing is worth 1.7 billion to New Jersey's economy. I am not an economist so I cannot calculate the number of dollars lost. Since NJ usually has the highest number of trips and anglers of the states in the Mid-Atlantic region, we have probably taken the biggest hit. Check out last month's newspaper on the web for more information about the economic value. The National Marine Fisheries Service is required under the Magnusson/Stevens Act to consider the economic impact of any regulations. They should also be required to calculate the economic impact of what they don't do. We are suffering the consequence of a lack of confidence in the data. What does that mean? The SSC reduces the quota of a number of species because they don't trust the data they get from NMFS. The recreational industry is penalized for NMFS's failure to produce reliable data. This is not a new problem. If you check out the minutes from 1990 – 1994, you will find my complaints along with others about the lack of reliable data. Twenty years later we all have the same concerns.

Last month I asked, "What needs to be done?" Stay tuned. I have been working with some colleagues to develop some suggestions for the reauthorization of the Magnusson/Stevens Act. We cannot go another decade without addressing some of the underlying problems. If we don't make positive changes, we may be faced with even greater problems and a decreasing number of recreational anglers in the next reauthorization. The Magnusson/Stevens Act should be a jobs bill, designed to foster a healthy and growing fishing industry and sustainable fisheries. These two things are not mutually exclusive although the actions of NMFS would make you believe it was so.

Estimate Status	Year	State	Angler Trips	PSE
FINAL	2003	DELAWARE	1,104,261	4.8
FINAL	2003	MARYLAND	3,329,972	5.0
FINAL	2003	NEW JERSEY	6,779,288	3.1
FINAL	2003	NEW YORK	5,525,123	4.4
FINAL	2003	VIRGINIA	3,113,183	4.2
FINAL	2004	DELAWARE	1,074,366	7.2
FINAL	2004	MARYLAND	2,585,061	5.9
FINAL	2004	NEW JERSEY	6,448,181	5.1
FINAL	2004	NEW YORK	4,812,532	6.9

Estimate Status	Year	State	Angler Trips	PSE
FINAL	2004	VIRGINIA	3,663,879	5.6
FINAL	2005	DELAWARE	1,024,949	7.1
FINAL	2005	MARYLAND	3,156,507	6.0
FINAL	2005	NEW JERSEY	6,561,733	5.2
FINAL	2005	NEW YORK	6,128,820	6.5
FINAL	2005	VIRGINIA	3,964,054	6.0
FINAL	2006	DELAWARE	1,083,948	6.4
FINAL	2006	MARYLAND	3,219,815	4.3
FINAL	2006	NEW JERSEY	7,035,632	5.4
FINAL	2006	NEW YORK	5,441,793	5.9
FINAL	2006	VIRGINIA	3,787,818	6.3
FINAL	2007	DELAWARE	1,251,149	6.4
FINAL	2007	MARYLAND	3,703,803	5.3
FINAL	2007	NEW JERSEY	7,198,230	5.2
FINAL	2007	NEW YORK	6,521,141	5.7
FINAL	2007	VIRGINIA	3,511,486	4.5
FINAL	2008	DELAWARE	1,027,933	6.5
FINAL	2008	MARYLAND	3,357,908	5.6
FINAL	2008	NEW JERSEY	6,901,486	5.5
FINAL	2008	NEW YORK	5,927,657	5.9
FINAL	2008	VIRGINIA	3,498,928	5.7
FINAL	2009	DELAWARE	910,652	7.3
FINAL	2009	MARYLAND	2,892,887	5.9
FINAL	2009	NEW JERSEY	5,339,317	5.4
FINAL	2009	NEW YORK	4,824,331	6.7
FINAL	2009	VIRGINIA	3,047,706	5.3
FINAL	2010	DELAWARE	819,136	7.2
FINAL	2010	MARYLAND	2,931,637	6.1
FINAL	2010	NEW JERSEY	5,862,904	5.8
FINAL	2010	NEW YORK	4,374,095	7.2
FINAL	2010	VIRGINIA	2,596,891	5.4
FINAL	2011	DELAWARE	926,288	9.3
FINAL	2011	MARYLAND	2,819,404	7.0
FINAL	2011	NEW JERSEY	5,163,270	6.1
FINAL	2011	NEW YORK	4,168,045	6.8
FINAL	2011	VIRGINIA	2,898,696	7.1
FINAL	2012	DELAWARE	875,161	10.9
FINAL	2012	MARYLAND	2,248,922	7.5
FINAL	2012	NEW JERSEY	5,020,042	6.0
FINAL	2012	NEW YORK	3,766,065	5.7
FINAL	2012	VIRGINIA	2,521,577	7.5
FINAL	2013	DELAWARE	755,476	10.7
FINAL	2013	MARYLAND	2,732,008	7.3
FINAL	2013	NEW JERSEY	4,276,738	5.9
FINAL	2013	NEW YORK	3,790,224	6.7
FINAL	2013	VIRGINIA	2,484,315	6.7

Estimate Status	Year	State	Angler Trips	PSE
PRELIMINARY	2014	DELAWARE	231,227	21.8
PRELIMINARY	2014	MARYLAND	756,647	11.9
PRELIMINARY	2014	NEW JERSEY	1,349,135	13.7
PRELIMINARY	2014	NEW YORK	937,907	12.9
PRELIMINARY	2014	VIRGINIA	659,137	15.5

Estimate Status	Year	Angler Trips	PSE
FINAL	2000	19,451,138	2.4
FINAL	2001	21,205,803	1.9
FINAL	2002	16,645,503	2.0
FINAL	2003	19,851,827	1.9
FINAL	2004	18,584,018	2.9
FINAL	2005	20,836,063	2.9
FINAL	2006	20,569,007	2.8
FINAL	2007	22,185,810	2.7
FINAL	2008	20,713,913	2.9
FINAL	2009	17,014,894	2.9
FINAL	2010	16,584,663	3.1
FINAL	2011	15,975,704	3.2
FINAL	2012	14,431,767	3.2
FINAL	2013	14,038,761	3.2
PRELIMINARY	2014	3,934,053	6.7

## ASMFC 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting Final Agenda

For Immediate Release  
Contact: Tina Berger, 703.842.0740  
October 16, 2014

The final agenda and meeting materials for the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting can be obtained at [this link](#); click on the relevant Board/Committee name to access the documents for that Board/Committee. The agenda is subject to change. The agenda reflects the current estimate of time required for scheduled meetings. The Commission may adjust this agenda in accordance with the actual duration of meetings. Interested parties should anticipate meetings starting earlier or later than indicated herein.

For ease of access, meeting materials for all the Boards/Sections and the Socioeconomic Workshop have combined into one PDF. [This PDF](#) does not include ACCSP Coordinating Council,

ACCSP Executive Committee, ACFHP Steering Committee, Management & Science Committee, Law Enforcement Committee and Habitat Committee materials. These documents as well as all other meeting materials can be accessed individually by Board/Committee within the agenda. Some documents may be large, so please be patient downloading. Supplemental materials will be posted to the website next Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Board/Section meeting proceedings will be broadcast daily via webinar beginning at 8:00 a.m. on October 27th, continuing daily until the conclusion of the meeting (expected to be 4:15 p.m.) on October 30th. The webinar will allow registrants to listen to board/section deliberations and view presentations and motions as they occur. No comments or questions will be accepted via the webinar. Should technical difficulties arise while streaming the broadcast, the boards/sections will continue their deliberations without interruption. We will attempt to resume the broadcast as soon as possible. To register for the webinar, please go to [this link](#).

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## **A Rising Tide of Contaminants**

By Deborah Blum, NY Times  
September 25, 2014

Deborah Swackhamer, a professor of environmental health sciences at the University of Minnesota, decided last year to investigate the chemistry of the nearby Zumbro River. She and her colleagues were not surprised to find traces of pesticides in the water.

Neither were they shocked to find prescription drugs ranging from antibiotics to the anti-convulsive carbamazepine. Researchers realized more than 15 years ago that pharmaceuticals – excreted by users, dumped down drains – were slipping through wastewater treatment systems.

But though she is a leading expert in so-called emerging contaminants, Dr. Swackhamer was both surprised and dismayed by the sheer range and variety of what she found. Caffeine drifted through the river water, testament to local consumption of

everything from coffee to energy drinks. There were relatively high levels of acetaminophen, the over-the-counter painkiller. Acetaminophen causes liver damage in humans at high doses; no one knows what it does to fish.

“We don’t know what these background levels mean in terms of environmental or public health,” she said. “It’s definitely another thing that we’re going to be looking at.”

Or, she might have said, one of many, many other things. The number of chemicals contaminating our environment is growing at exponential rate, scientists say. A team of researchers at the U.S. Geological Survey tracks them in American waterways, sediments, landfills and municipal sewage sludge, which is often converted into agricultural fertilizer. They’ve found steroid hormones and the antibacterial agent triclosan in sewage; the antidepressant fluoxetine (Prozac) in fish; and compounds from both birth control pills and detergents in the thin, slimy layer that forms over stones in streams.

“We’re looking at an increasingly diverse array of organic and inorganic chemicals that may have ecosystem health effects,” said Edward Furlong, a research chemist with the U.S.G.S. office in Denver and one of the first scientists to track the spread of pharmaceutical compounds in the nation’s waterways. “Many of them are understudied and unrecognized.”

In an essay last week in the journal *Environmental Science & Technology*, titled “Re-Emergence of Emerging Contaminants,” editor-in-chief Jerald L. Schnoor called attention to both the startling growth of newly registered chemical compounds and our inadequate understanding of older ones.

The American Chemical Society, the publisher of the journal, maintains the most comprehensive national database of commercially registered chemical compounds in the country. “The growth of the list is eye-popping, with approximately 15,000 new chemicals and biological sequences registered every day,” Dr. Schnoor wrote.

Not all of those are currently in use, he emphasized, and the majority are unlikely to be dangerous. “But, for better or worse, our commerce is producing innovative, challenging new compounds,” he wrote.

Dr. Schnoor, a professor of civil and environmental engineering at the University of Iowa,

also noted rising concern among researchers about the way older compounds are altered in the environment, sometimes taking new and more dangerous forms.

Some research suggests that polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, are broken down by plants into even more toxic metabolites. Equally troubling, scientists are finding that while PCBs are banned, they continue to seep into the environment in unexpected ways, such as from impurities in the caulk of old school buildings.

PCBs have long been identified as hazardous, but not every contaminant is so risky, Dr. Schnoor emphasized.

“Out of the millions of chemical compounds that we know about, thousands have been tested and there are very few that show important health effects,” he said in an interview.

But, he added, the development of new compounds and the increasing discovery of unexpected contaminants in the environment means that the nation desperately needs a better system for assessing and prioritizing chemical exposures.

That includes revisiting the country’s antiquated chemical regulation and assessment regulations. The Toxic Substances Control Act went into effect in 1976, almost 40 years ago, and has not been updated since.

The law does require the Environmental Protection Agency to maintain an inventory of registered industrial compounds that may be toxic, but it does not require advance safety testing of those materials. Of the some 84,000 compounds registered, only a fraction have ever been fully tested for health effects on humans. The data gap includes some materials, like creosote and coal tar derivatives, which are currently manufactured at rates topping a million pounds a year.

Not surprisingly, Dr. Schnoor and other scientists want to see the act updated and transformed into a mechanism for science-based risk assessment of suspect compounds. Indeed, everyone from researchers to environmental groups to the American chemical industry agree that the law is frustratingly inadequate.

“Our chemical safety net is more hole than net,” said Ken Cook, president of the Environmental Working Group, an advocacy group. The Food and Drug Administration, for instance, doesn’t regulate the environmental spread of pharmaceuticals. And

the toxic substances law ignores their presence in waterways.

“Where does that leave us in terms of scientific understanding of what drugs to regulate?” Mr. Cook said.

Womack Kolton, vice president for communications at the American Chemistry Council, an organization representing chemical manufacturers, agreed. “Think about the world 40 years ago,” she said. “It was a vastly different place. It’s common sense to revise the law and make it consistent with what we know about chemicals today.”

The two sides don’t agree on what standards for chemical testing are needed or what kind of protective restrictions should be put in place for chemicals deemed hazardous. And they are in deep disagreement about whether a revised federal law should preempt actions taken by tough-minded states like California.

The council argues for federal standardization as the most efficient route; environmental groups believe that such an action would weaken public protection. Legislators have so far not been able to resolve those differences. This month yet another proposed update to the act stalled in a Senate committee.

“Congress has not sent an environmental law to the president’s desk in 18 years,” Mr. Cook said. “And in the current environment, it’s very difficult to get something through.”

Still, Dr. Swackhamer, who recently stepped down as chair of the E.P.A.’s science advisory board, notes that despite the lack of legislation, scientists have been working toward better ways to assess the risks posed by the increasing numbers of chemicals in our lives. Some may help whittle the inventory of T.S.C.A. compounds down to a priority list that focuses on less than a thousand products.

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That's still a daunting number of chemical unknowns. But given the tens of thousands of materials in the inventory, it's a start.

## **Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series Comes To Linwood!**

For Immediate Release  
Contact: 1-800-448-7360

The Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series will bring its 2015 New Jersey presentation to the Linwood Country Club (500 Shore Road, Linwood) on **Saturday, January 17**. The host of the 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. presentation will be George Poveromo – Host of George Poveromo's World of Saltwater Fishing on the NBC Sports Network, and Editor-At-Large for Salt Water Sportsman, with Nick Honachefsky – noted writer, TV personality and New Jersey fishing authority serving in the co-host position. The Tour is being presented by Bass Pro Shops.

Joining Poveromo and Honachefsky in Linwood will be: Captain Adam Crouthamel – Distinguished Cape May-area authority on catching trophy fluke and striped bass, along with blackfish, sea bass and cod with *Adam Bomb Sport Fishing*; Captain Dan Schafer – Premier back bay fishing guide with Insomniac Guide Service; Captain Sean Reilly – Noted trophy fluke, blackfish, wreck- and bottom-fishing specialist who also excels at catching sharks and tuna; Captain Phil Leo – Deep water fluke, blackfish and tile-fishing pro, and authority on fishing the canyons with Duct Work Sportfishing; Captain Franz Hueber – Premier offshore and canyon fishing pro with his Libation Charters; Kaitryn Kelly – Inshore, back bay and land-fishing specialist for fluke, blackfish and striped bass; Captain Brett Taylor – Barnegat-based pro who specializes in fishing for fluke - inshore and offshore, and the Barnegat Bay system; and Captain Mark Finelli - Legendary trophy striped bass authority!

Courses for the January 17 presentation will focus on: Trophy stripers on ultra-light tackle; Live-lining for trophy stripers; Top trolling tactics for stripers; Chunking for bluefish; Bluefish on surface lures; Inshore wire-line techniques; Jetty tactics; How to catch more and bigger fluke; Targeting trophy fluke; Top southern tactics for jumbo fluke; Secrets of fishing the Cape May Rips; Trophy drum

in Delaware Bay; Secrets of fishing Delaware Bay; Top tactics for big blackfish; Catching blackfish by the score; Jigging for blackfish; No-nonsense weakfish tactics; How and where to locate weakfish; 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; Chunking for tunas; Live-baiting for tunas; Advanced methods for bluefin and yellowfin tuna; Cutting edge lure-trolling tactics; Subsurface offshore trolling; 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; Specialized tactics that take more big-eye tuna; How to troll up more wahoo and white marlin!

The Seminar Series kicks off at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude by 3:00 p.m. Long considered the best bargain in sportfishing, a Seminar Series ticket is only \$ 55.00.

The ticket price covers five hours of instruction from the best pros in the business, a course textbook, a one-year subscription or extension to Salt Water Sportsman, one Roffer's Ocean Fishing Forecast Analysis, bottle of OrPine Wash & Wax, bottle of Star tron fuel treatment, bottle of Star brite Boat Guard, bottle of Corrosion Block, a \$ 10.00 Bass Pro Shops discount card (off any purchase of \$ 75.00 or more), and chances to win thousands of dollars worth of door prizes! The Grand Prize at the conclusion of the Jersey seminar is a Florida Keys fishing trip! The Super Grand Prize, to be awarded two weeks after the conclusion of the 2015 series, is a new Mako Pro Skiff 17 cc!

**HOW TO REGISTER:** Get your tickets now, as the Atlantic City area seminar is always a popular venue. To pay with Visa, MasterCard and American Express, call (800) 448-7360, or register on-line, visit [www.nationalseminarseries.com](http://www.nationalseminarseries.com).

# **JCAA Dinner November 9, 2014**



# New NJOA Survey on Striped Bass

By John Toth

The New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA) conducted a survey to find out what striped bass anglers really think about the latest proposals of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) to possibly change the way striped bass is presently managed. While anglers have different opinions on this issue, the NJOA wanted to receive an overall perspective how anglers feel about it and approximately **904 anglers responded to this survey!** Five general questions were asked on this survey, and they were followed by the Options (B & C). Here are the results:

1. Do you know that the stocks of striped bass are in trouble now?  
**No - 243      Yes - 534**
2. Do you think any changes should be made to the current striped bass regulations already in place - (2 striped bass over 28 inches minimum)?  
**No - 271      Yes - 498**
3. Do you think something has to be done to increase the striped bass stocks so that they do not decline by 2017?  
**No - 158      Yes - 607**
4. The current regulations allow for two striped bass at 28 inches minimum. Some of the options allow the possession of only one fish that may have a negative impact on the charter/party boat industry. Would you charter a fishing boat knowing that you can catch only one striped bass?  
**No - 355      Yes - 417**
5. Are you aware that in the options that follow, it will take time to determine, if in fact, one of these options will have the desired effect in bringing striped bass stocks up in the desired timeframe and the option chosen may remain in effect for quite some time, not immediately after the one-year timeframe?  
**No - 123      Yes - 645**

## B Options:

- B1 - 84 votes
- B2 - 15 votes
- B3 - 120 votes
- B4 - 88 votes
- B5 - 20 votes
- B6 - 114 votes
- B7 - 162 votes
- B8 - 37 votes
- B9 - 38 votes

## C Options:

- C1 - 95 votes
- C2 - 177 votes
- C3 - 236 votes

The survey results were forwarded to the ASMFC and to the NJ Bureau of Marine Fisheries to assist them in arriving at decisions that improve and maintain the health of this fishery.

The **next step** in this process is that the ASMFC will meet on October 29th at Mystic Connecticut to review public comments on striped bass (including this survey) and then make decisions on a course of action best suited for the resource and possibly adopting new reference points that will directly affect the duration of the season(s) that striped bass can be harvested as well as size and bag limit. Once this step has been completed, NJ's Marine Fisheries Council will provide a list of options that will show the various seasons that striped bass can be caught (just like it does for a new fluke season). Once these options from NJ's Marine Fisheries become available, the NJOA will again distribute a new survey in determining which option most anglers would prefer for the upcoming striped bass season. So, if you cannot attend a public hearing that will be held to review these options, this new NJOA survey will give you the opportunity to have your opinion heard on the season you want to catch striped bass. This NJOA survey will come after the ASMFC has its October 29th meeting and our state has the time to review its impact and develop its implementation plan for it.

For your information you can review this survey and participate in NJOA's upcoming survey for striped bass at [this link](#).

## Lawsuit Calls out NMFS for Failure to Protect River Herring

By Capt. Paul Eidman,  
Forage Fish Committee Chairman

### Earthjustice and NRDC Join Fishing and Watershed Groups to File Notice to Sue to Protect Imperiled River Herring

River herring spend most of their lives in the Atlantic Ocean. They are anadromous fish species, which means they return to spawn in coastal rivers in the spring. But these small fish are in big trouble. Based on analysis by the National Marine Fisheries Service, their populations have declined more than 98 percent from their historic level.

River herring were once abundant from Nova Scotia all the way to Florida, however they have been decimated by industrial fishing in the ocean, dams, water pollution, habitat destruction, and climate change. The Mid-Atlantic blueback river herring population is particularly imperiled and at risk of extinction.

In August 2011, our friends at NRDC submitted a petition to the National Marine Fisheries Service requesting that river herring be listed as a “threatened species,” and critical habitat be protected, under the federal Endangered Species Act. The petition made the case that river herring are “likely to become in danger of extinction within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.”

On August 12, 2013, the Service published its determination that river herring do not warrant protection under the ESA despite population levels at less than two percent of the historical baseline and a host of threats identified by the scientists participating in the review. The agency provided an elaborate rationalization for its decision not to protect bluebacks either up and down the East Coast, or at least in the Mid-Atlantic region, that was based on a flawed reading of the law, flawed statistical analysis, and a failure to use the best available scientific information.

Particularly troubling is NMFS’s conclusion that even if all blueback herring in the Mid-Atlantic region go extinct, this loss would not be significant. This is based on the unsupportable assumption that

other blueback herring from New England and Canada would quickly re-colonize the area.

The Endangered Species Act is clear. Species must be declared “threatened” when that species likely to become in danger of extinction and the decision must be made “solely on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data available.” Given the imperiled status of blueback herring and the lack of sufficient action by regulators to stem the decline of river herring, a threatened designation for blueback herring is now necessary to jump start recovery.

So this week, Earthjustice and colleagues have sent a letter letting the agency know we plan to sue in 60 days over NMFS’s decision not to protect blueback herring.

Earthjustice is working with the Natural Resources Defense Council on the case, and representing the fishermen and conservationists that are members of the **Anglers Conservation Network (ACN)**, Delaware River Shad Fishermen’s Association, Great Egg Harbor River Council, and Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association Trustees in the lawsuit.

*Full disclosure: Capt. Paul is managing director of Anglers Conservation Network (ACN), Plaintiff*

## Membership Report

By John Toth

A number of clubs have still not paid their 2014 dues even though reminder notices have been sent to them. Please make every effort to send in your club dues so that your club membership does not expire. Also, please take the time to completely fill out the Dues and Sponsorship form and the Club Survey form that we need to update our mailing list.

Thank you Forked River Tuna Club for sending in your 2014 dues along with your generous donation of \$500, and the Asbury Park Fishing club for your dues and your additional sponsorship! Much appreciated!

Please send in your payments to our address: JCAA, 1201 Route 37 East, Suite 9, Toms River, NJ 08753.

If there are problems with the JCAA sending newsletters to the wrong addresses or to the wrong club members, please let me know so that

corrections can be made. I can be reached at (732) 656-0139 or at [tothjohn@verizon.net](mailto:tothjohn@verizon.net).

As always, **Thank You**, for your continued support of the JCAA!

## American Littoral Society Scores Wreck Pond Fish Passage Grant

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

Great news for our fellow Monmouth County surf rats...in addition to bringing a historical river herring spawning area back to life, this will help to provide food for all of our gamefish!

From ALS press release:

“We are very busy at the Restoration Department gearing up for next year's programs and working on multiple science-based restoration projects in New Jersey and New York to include projects in Delaware Bay, Barnegat Bay, Wreck Pond, Bradley Beach, and Jamaica Bay, NY.

Through a Department of Interior (DOI) grant, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) awarded \$1.7M to the American Littoral Society to manage and support the re-establishment of fish passage for anadromous fish (river herring etc) to Wreck Pond and to restore dune and beach habitat for the federally listed threatened piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*) and the state listed least tern (*Sterna antillarum*). Currently, the only connection between the Atlantic Ocean and Wreck Pond is an 800 foot, 84-inch diameter pipe. As part of the project, a secondary corridor consisting of a six (6) foot by eight (8) foot bypass box culvert is proposed to be installed alongside the existing pipe and span approximately 500 to 600 feet from the Wreck Pond spillway into the Atlantic Ocean.

The completed Project would provide improved aquatic connectivity for fish passage for migratory fish including alewife (*Alosa pseudoharengus*), blueback herring (*Alosa aestivalis*), and American eel (*Anguilla rostrata*) and would be designed to maximize access into and from Wreck Pond and its tributaries during spring migration and fall emigration. The project would also be designed to improve water quality and promote community resiliency by reducing risk of flood.

We are now in the permit phase of this project and just completed the baseline fish surveys within the Pond. We did show there is a small run of alewife in the Spring and yes, for the first time documented in years we caught young of year, juvenile herring heading back to sea. This gives proof that spawning of herring does exist within the watershed and by providing improved connectivity to the ocean our work may improve accessibility to allow more herring in to spawn.”

This is exciting news and we encourage member organizations to get involved and help wherever possible. Please feel free to reach out to me if you can help.

## NJ Outdoor Alliance Report

*By John Toth*

On behalf of the JCAA, I attended the September 22nd meeting of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA) and the following is a brief summary of the issues that were discussed:

**HOFNOD** – Ms. Liza Jackson, in charge of our state's HOFNOD program (Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs), was NJOA's guest speaker and she talked about the program's efforts to get inner city kids involved in nature so that they spend their time in this type of activity instead of crime. Our state allocated \$200,000 for the HOFNOD program and Ms. Jackson gave a detailed account of her efforts of exposing youths to outdoor activities, especially fishing. She indicated how she has been involved in getting HOFNOD activities in school curriculums and taking field trips to Sandy Hook and other locations. She explained that these kids with tough backgrounds really like nature when they are exposed to it and also builds up their self esteem. The youths are given fishing equipment for their use and are also shown how to tie rigs and casting techniques. Ms. Jackson indicated that she has introduced approximately 200 youths to fishing and has spent about \$117,000 on this program to date. She will prepare a report on the benefits of this program for our legislators to continue funding for it in the future.

**Black Bear Killing** - considerable discussion centered on the tragic death of a 22 year old man that was killed by a black bear on September 22nd at the Apshawa nature preserve in West Milford. A group

# Youth Education Report

By Greg Kucharewski

## JCAA YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD

Come join us celebrate Sunday, November 9, 2014 at JCAA Sportsperson of the year Dinner. The dinner will be held at the Crystal Point Yacht Club in Point Pleasant, NJ. The 2014 JCAA Youth Education Award will be presented to Mr. Don Marantz of the Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club at the JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner. Please see more information about the dinner in this issue of the JCAA Newspaper.

## INTERMEDIATE SURF FISHING CLINICS

Register now for the fall intermediate surf fishing clinics at Island Beach State Park. Visitors will learn how to read the water, advanced knot tying, bait and lure presentations, and what to do when a fish strikes.

All fishing equipment and bait/lures provided. A registered adult must accompany minors, which can be no younger than 10 years of age. Students from prior surf fishing clinics will be introduced to new techniques for catching that fish of a lifetime. You will learn: how to read the water, advanced knot tying, the use of different bait presentations, surface plugs and how to reel in that fish of a lifetime. If you would like to participate you must have some basic understanding of casting, coastal safety and be prepared for any weather conditions.

A registered adult must accompany minors, which can be no younger than 10 years of age. Cost: \$25 per person. Mark the following dates on your calendar: (10:00 am to 2:00 pm): November 6, 9, 20, 23, and December 4. The program begins at 10:00 am sharp at the Interpretive Center. More information can be found at [this link](#).

## FREE NJ HOFNOD WORKSHOP

The next NJ HOFNOD workshop is scheduled for November 14-15-16, 2014 located at Lighthouse Camp, Lighthouse Center for Natural Resource Education in Waretown, NJ.

There is a refundable deposit that is required to ensure each registrant actually attends and not waste a space for someone not making the registration cut-off. The JCAA Youth Education

of five men were hiking in the park when a 300 lb. black bear charge and killed one of them. The bear was killed at the scene and is estimated to be about 4 years old. Ed Markowski with the Federation of Sportsmen's Club pointed out that New Jersey is a very densely populated state with also a very large population of bears making this incident, although rare, more likely to happen over time. The NJOA has brought this problem to legislators on many occasions so that hunters can reduce the increasing bear population. A number of legislators, largely influenced by animal right activists, have resisted the hunting for bears and the unfortunate death of this young man may change their attitude toward hunting bears.

**Outdoor Wildlife Expo** - Approximately 6,400 people attended this two day event during September 13-14th. It rained on Saturday with severe lightning that prompted many people to leave early before the 5:00 p.m. closing time. This Expo has many hunting and fishing exhibits that attract many families interested in outdoor activities.

**Artificial Reefs** - No movement on it reported - regulations concerning it under review by state's legal staff.

**Striped Bass** - Many clubs and organizations have had difficulty in arriving at a position on the Draft IV Addendum because of various viewpoints and the many options to reduce striped bass mortality that this addendum has. Some organizations do not want any changes to the current regulations while others want steep reductions to striped bass catches. The NJOA is no different in this respect, but NJOA Council members favor two points. One is that commercial transfers of striped bass quotas as indicated in section 3.1 of the addendum must not be allowed. Transferring unused striped bass quotas from one state to another flies against the very purpose of this addendum to protect striped bass stocks. Council members also favor options that have two fish for mainly two reasons: If we go to one fish, it may prove to be very difficult to return to two fish, and having only one fish would have a very negative impact on the party/charter boat industry and related industries. The NJOA has a survey on the Internet in progress to gauge public opinion on this issue.

Committee encourages you to attend this workshop to promote HOFNOD and work with a group of professionals that are dedicated to NJ HOFNOD programs.

Participants of this training will be responsible for delivering the program to youth from beginning to end. Organizations that participate in the program are eligible to receive additional professional development in conservation education and angling skills, financial and in-kind support for program materials and supplies including subsidized educational field trips. Supplemental training can be requested for content like fly tying, fly fishing and discover diving. The JCAA Youth Education Committee will support the NJ HOFNOD workshop by providing fly tying instruction. To register and receive more information, please contact Liz Jackson, NJ HOFNOD Program Coordinator, at 908-637-4125 x122 or by e-mail at [liz.jackson@dep.nj.gov](mailto:liz.jackson@dep.nj.gov)

### **PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ENJOY FISHING**

The Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club had another successful fishing outing on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Echo Lake in Mountainside, NJ. The event was in conjunction with the Union County Parks and Recreation Dept. which is also sponsored by the Tedesco Bunch. Every year this great fishing program is held at Echo Lake and it gets bigger each year. There is no charge for participants and their chaperones. The day is fun filled with fishing, entertainment, lunch being served and prizes being awarded to all participants. Cane fishing poles and bait are provided but participants can bring their own if they would like to. The Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club hosted this event for a number of years.

### **FLY FISHING DONATION**

We received a donation of fly fishing materials and equipment from Joe Frascella and Bill Luther. I met with Joe Frascella after he read about our effort to help veterans and youngsters learn about fly fishing. We have plenty of threads, feathers, peacock herl, deer tail, and assorted hooks/goodies to continue our fly tying sessions. Joe and Bill also offered to supply more materials if we deplete their generous donation of materials and equipment. Many thanks guys we really appreciate your help.

### **PURE FISHING FOR YOUTH FISHING TACKLE**

Fishing clubs and organizations that are tax exempt can purchase discount fishing equipment at Pure Fishing to support their youth fishing programs. By the end of the year Pure Fishing plans to have a new Website configured to accommodate customers. For more information please contact: Roxanne Coleman Sr. Marketing Manager/Youth Programs, Pure Fishing, a subsidiary of Jarden Corporation, 7 Science Court, Columbia, SC 29203, Office (803) 451-3479, Fax 803-935-0054.

### **FATHER TIME FISHING SUCCESS**

The Father Time Family Fishing Derby was held Saturday, October 18th on the Keansburg beach. Six year old Laura Benetis, (Keansburg) who with her dad's help caught the longest fish-a 19inch Ray. Many thanks to all the volunteers that helped make the event such a success.

# **Double Your Fun Take a Child Fishing**