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**Monthly Meeting at Jersey Coast Shark Anglers, 385 Herbertsville Road, Brick
"WORKING FOR MARINE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS"**

JCAA REGULAR MEETING:

Tuesday, March 28th, 2017

Starting at 7:30 PM

At Jersey Coast Shark Anglers

NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 13th, 2017

Starting at 7:30 PM at JCAA Office

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**March 27<sup>th</sup>** ASMFC Atlantic Herring Hearing

**March 28<sup>th</sup>** JCAA General Meeting

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

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

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament

**August 5<sup>th</sup>** JCAA Fluke Tournament

**August 10<sup>th</sup>** Fluke Tournament Awards Presentations

## **JCAA High Roller Raffle 2017**

*By Don Marantz*

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association is a charitable non-profit 501(c)3 organization that was formed in 1981. The original objective of the JCAA, that continues today, was to combine a group of marine sportfishing clubs in order to form and promote a united consensus on issues relevant to saltwater anglers in New Jersey. JCAA works to protect the rights of New Jersey's recreational fishermen by seeking fair and equitable fisheries management. It fosters conservation and education while seeking to do what is best for our fisheries to ensure they will be sustainable for future generations. JCAA also strives to create increased angling opportunities and better public access. Further, it is involved with issues concerning our marine environment, such as fighting for better fisheries habitat, keeping our waters clean, and protecting our forage species while supporting an ecosystem-based management approach. JCAA works in concert with New Jersey's legislature, many major local, state and national organizations, congress and federal agencies to advance its objectives.

JCAA has evolved into one of the most powerful and unified organizations of its kind. JCAA's strength comes from its volunteer members and donations. If you or your fishing club is interested in becoming a member or making a tax deductible

donation, please call (732) 506-6565 or visit [www.jcaa.org](http://www.jcaa.org).

Another way you can help support us is to buy some of our raffle tickets at the various shows we will be at. You can call the number above or email our office at [jcaa@jcaa.org](mailto:jcaa@jcaa.org), provide your name and address and we will mail you a book. Tickets are just \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00 or 7 for \$10.00. Thank you for your anticipated support!

#### List of Prizes (with retail values)

1. Jersey Nutz Six Man Charter (6 hour striped bass weekday charter) **\$850.**

*Donated by Capt. Robert Melton Jr.*

2. \$500. Gift Certificate from Fisherman's Headquarters **\$500.**

*Donated by Fisherman's Headquarters*

3. 6'6" Shimano Terez T2C-66H-EG Spinning rod /Saltist 5000H reel **\$500.**

*Donated by Grumpys Tackle*

4. Tony Maja Wire Line rod/Penn 113H2SP reel **\$370.**

*Donated by Tony Maja and JCAA*

5. 12' Tica UEHA936502S Surf rod/Tica Abyss TL5000R spinning reel **\$310.**

*Donated by Tica*

6. 7' Star Stellar Lite SG102FT70G Spinning rod/Canyon DJR3500 reel **\$240.**

*Donated by Star Fishing Tackle and Canyon Reels*

7. 7' Tica WISA70H1 Conventional rod/Tica Caiman GT200 reel **\$225.**

*Donated by Tica*

8. 6' 6" Tica WISA66H Conventional rod / Tica Caiman WC205 reel **\$200.**

*Donated by Tica*

## President's Report

*By John Toth*

We are in the season of trade shows and thank God we have them since they give us the opportunity to get out of the house during these dreary winter months to see and buy fishing gear for the upcoming season. These shows give the JCAA an opportunity to pass out our newsletters and to talk to attendees about fishing issues and JCAA's involvement in them. The most recent show the JCAA attended was the Atlantic City Boat Show during March 2nd to the 5th. This was a well-attended show and I saw a number of people in the

process of buying boats. I worked at it on March 4th with JCAA's Dan Miller who is one outstanding salesman, and he knows how to sell our High Roller raffle tickets! While he was doing his sales pitch, money was coming in so fast that I felt like some bank clerk just arranging bills and handing change to him!

When I did get a chance to talk to people, the question I continually heard was, "What's going on with fluke"? I explained to them that we had enough of these terrible regulations coming at us with a 19-inch fluke and that our state is NOT going to accept this travesty that will put a lot of party/charter boats, tackle shops and related businesses out of business for no good reason. The people I talked to were glad to hear that the JCAA and other fishing organizations stood up together to fight the 19-inch fluke and I did not hear one person say that this was a wrong move or a mistake!

Every year we always seem to have some **drama** on what will be our fluke regulations for the upcoming season. I and others have been involved in this drama over the years and I still remember one year that fishery managers wanted to close down fishing for fluke **for one summer month** during the height of the fishing season to "save" this fishery! Of course, this is the window when party/charter boats/tackle shops make most of their business. This shows how little regard fishing managers have about people who make their living in this business.

So, I am glad that our state DEP Commissioner, Bob Martin, said "**enough is enough**" at a January 27th rally in the parking lot at Fisherman's Supply in Point Pleasant and that our state is behind us in fighting this 19-inch fluke. **Thank You, Commissioner!** About 300 anglers attended this rally. In addition to our state DEP coming out to support us, many of our legislators are also supporting us on this issue. Most recently, Congressman Pallone introduced H.R. 1411 (and co-signed by Rep. LoBiondo) in the House Committee of Natural Resources that would delay implementation of the 19-inch fluke regulations until a new assessment of fluke stocks is completed since the data to support it is so faulty. This is the **first time** I can recall that our state and its legislators have come out swinging for us on a fishing issue and we are all grateful for their support! Where this all goes is uncertain at this time, but as of now the fluke regulations we had in effect for 2016 will apply to our 2017 season - 5 fluke at 18 inches and 125 days (start & end of season to be determined).

Finally, I want to **THANK** all of the volunteers who worked at this AC Boat show on behalf of the JCAA and they include: Dave Spendiff (who worked at it for 2 days), Ron Nachmann, Bill Figley, Rich Pasko, Walter Maier, Bruce Halstater, Kyren Dooley, Tom Siciliano, Paul Haertel, Ken Warchel and his son Michael, and **Mark Taylor** who set up and took down our JCAA booth at this show and organized the volunteers for it.

## **Fisheries Management & Legislative Report**

*By Tom Fote*

It has been a long winter and there have been many things going on, some very scary when it comes to protecting the fisheries resources. Below I will cover a number of topics. In March I was in Alexandria and Washington DC for the American Sportfishing Association Government Affairs Committee Meeting. It was good to have two New Jersey groups represented, JCAA and RFA. This was a great opportunity for us to meet with members of the tackle industry, recreational fishing NGOs, agencies, and Congressional staff to discuss important issues impacting on the recreational fishing industry in both the short and long term. I was also able to meet with Congressional and Senate staff. It is always great to have people in the room from all 48 contiguous states, Hawaii and Alaska. We discussed public access on both water and land, fresh and salt water issues and the goal of increasing the number of anglers in the United States to 60 million in 60 months. What I always find fascinating is that even though our fisheries are diverse in both stock and geography, we have many common problems. The most crucial being money.

When we talk about money, the last page of the newspaper has the economic data for what anglers contribute to the State's economy. Economic output to the state is 1.9 billion dollars and the state only puts in the marine fisheries budget 1.9 million dollars which is 1/1000<sup>th</sup> of what recreational anglers contribute to the state's economy.

### **Federal Budget**

One issue on which we all agree is that there is not enough money in the Federal budget to

properly manage this nation's fisheries. We lack the funds to develop the data necessary to accurate stock assessments. We lack the funds to get reliable recreational catch figures. We are constantly restricting recreational and commercial fisheries because NMFS does not have the data they need which includes data about the impact of global warming. To our shock, it is rumored that NOAA will have at least a 20% budget cut. That means instead of getting better recreational data and better catch figures and stock assessment, the frequency of data collection would be limited. We don't know how bad this will be but this budget will certainly not contribute to resolving any of these issues. When I visited staff on the Hill to talk about summer flounder, I pointed out that we are complaining about lack of data to manage any of our fisheries but that will only get worse with this new budget. At the ASA panel discussion with the staff from the Commerce Committee, which deals with these budget issues, I explained how scary these cuts are and how much we need their support to avoid these severe cuts. The staff expressed their real concerns about the figures in this initial budget request. I asked them to hold the line and not let this happen. I am sure they will relay this message to their Congressmen or Senators. We know that you have written many letters on summer flounder to the Congress and the President. You need to double your efforts in writing, emailing or phone calling about the budget.

### **State Budget**

I cannot believe that I am singing the same song that I was in the early 80's. The Bureau of Marine Fisheries Budget is limited to New Jersey tax dollars except for a few fees on the commercial side. When JCAA was complaining about the budget in the 80's there were very few fisheries' plans or restrictions for either the commercial or recreational side. Except for some Federal quotas or size limits, there was nothing that needed to be monitored. In the late 80's the Mid Atlantic Council and ASMFC began working on joint management plans for summer flounder, scup, black sea bass and bluefish. The ASMFC was working on plans that were advisory with no enforcement except for striped bass. There was considerable money coming into New Jersey and ASMFC to fund the necessary stock assessment work and monitoring of striped bass to fulfill the requirements of the Atlantic Coast Conservation Act. When the Atlantic Coast Conservation Act was passed in the 90's the fishing world changed. The fisheries

management plans required gathering much more information which cost money. There were stock assessments that needed to be done for every species. There was quota management that needed to be done for both commercial and recreational. If we were going to manage by quotas we needed more accurate data about commercial catch landings and bycatch and similar data for the recreational sector. As time passed, we realized how little we knew and how difficult it was to implement the plans based on good science and good data. We also realized how expensive this would be. I remember arguing at a 1994 joint meeting of ASMFC and the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council that the data we had on scup and black sea bass was so poor as to be useless. I began calling for better data and was ignored.

We are not in 2017. New Jersey went from few management requirements for both commercial and recreation fisheries to a point where New Jersey needs to gather more and more with less and less money and staff. I will be attending the Assembly and Senate Budget Hearings to plead, once again, for more money for the Marine Fisheries budget. The only thing that has changed is that I no longer go and ask for an increase on the 3.1 million dollar budget but begin by asking them to stop cutting the budget. All the old timers know where we were 25 years ago and how much more complex it is now. In 1981 the budget for Marine Fisheries was 3.1 million dollars. That was in 1981 dollars, supporting a staff 4 times what it is now. We are now trying to do 10 times the work with 25% of the personnel with a budget of only 1.9 million dollars. The hiring at the Bureau of Marine Fisheries was frequently been frozen as it has been for the last few years. This has resulted in a great reduction in staff. The other problem is the staff that began working under the larger budget is now reaching retirement. Instead because of frustration with the lack of ability to do a good job, they are retiring as early as possible.

I will be testifying before the Senate and Assembly committees and will include my testimony in this newspaper or on our website. I will also put online the new economic study that shares clear recreational data by Congressional district. If you need it more immediately, just email me.

The Senate and Assembly are all up for election this November. We have people running for governor and some of them are in positions where they could be helpful now. It is important for you to

contact your state legislators, the Governor's office and the Lieutenant Governor's office to tell them that you are not asking for an outrageous increase in the budget for Marine Fisheries. What you are asking for is the same budget we had in 1981 at 3.1 million dollars as a starting point to rebuild the Bureau of Marine Fisheries.

### **Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass**

The good news is that New Jersey has come together, Democrats and Republicans, commercial and recreational anglers, state and federal officials. The bad news is it took an outrageous position by the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council to force this coalition. You have seen the fact in previous editions of this newspaper. When ASMFC tried to implement this conservation equivalency to comply with this plan, New Jersey was adamantly opposed and the only state that supported us was Delaware. The rest of the states caved in to NMFS either because they are looking for money, jobs or privileges. Our Federal legislators have put in bills and written multiple letters to the Secretary of Commerce. The New Jersey Senate and Assembly have passed resolutions in support of our position. The executive branch, through Commissioner Martin, has done everything possible to fight this cut in summer flounder quota, even traveling to DC for the ASMFC meeting and meeting personally with acting Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service. The Marine Fisheries Council of New Jersey and the Commissioner will decide later in April how we move forward. At this time, it appears that this battle is far from over and New Jersey may fight this battle all the way to the doorstep of the new Secretary of Commerce. When I was in Washington DC the week of March 13, all the Congressional staff I met with really understand the problem and support what we are doing. In discussions with them and at the ASA panel discussion with staffers from the Commerce Committee and House Fisheries Committee, I explained that summer flounder was not NMFS' most outrageous decision in the past few months. That distinction belongs to the decision on black sea bass. If the summer flounder quota is not changed, we will be fishing on a quota that is the lowest that we have ever had, even when the stocks were only 2/3 of the stock size we have now.

What makes the decision on black sea bass even more outrageous is that we are not just as the rebuilt phase, we are 230% above recovery. You

would assume if we were at 230%, we would get an increase. But with the convoluted thinking of NMFS, 230% does not equal an increase. What they think it deserves is status quo. The reason behind this is their failure to previously measure the size of the stock. Because they underestimated the size of the stock, we exceeded the quota based on their existing regulation. As a gift, they are allowing us to stay at status quo. Another reason is the SSC does not like the data NMFS is supplying so we are penalized. This May I turn 70. I have been doing this job for a long time. When I say to people I want to retire from a non-paying job because I am so disgusted, they all tell me how much I seem to love my job. I never really loved my job. What I was always trying to do was rebuild the stocks so we could reward the commercial and recreational anglers. I was naïve and did not realize that we would never see the increase we should in the quotas. Instead we are fishing on quotas that were in place when the stocks were collapsed. I guess I am still a bit of an optimist. I am hoping with a new Secretary of Commerce and with Congress finally realizing how ridiculous some of these quotas are, we may make some progress in the next few years. But it will not be done without the young anglers getting involved. They need to show up to meetings to make their feelings known in person. With your help we can make some progress.

## States Schedule Hearings on Atlantic Herring Draft Addendum I

ASMFC Press Release, 2/8/2017

Arlington, VA – The states of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New Jersey have scheduled their hearings to gather public comment on Draft Addendum I to Amendment 3 of the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Herring. Draft Addendum I includes management options to ensure the seasonal quota is distributed throughout Trimester 2, are applied consistently by the states adjacent to Area 1A, and address excessive capacity. The details of the scheduled hearings follow.

### *NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife*

*March 27, 2017; 6 PM*

*Fisheries Cooperative Center, Rutgers University  
1636 Delaware Avenue  
Cape May, New Jersey*

*Contact: Tom Baum at 609.748.2020*

The Draft Addendum was initiated in response to the accelerated rate of Area 1A Trimester 2 (June through September) landings in recent years and the increasingly dynamic nature of days out measures to control effort that have varied across states. The Section utilizes days out of the fishery to slow the rate of Area 1A catch by restricting the number of available landing days. Landing reports indicate vessels are harvesting herring on days out of the fishery and transferring fish at-sea to carrier or larger vessels until landing is permitted. The practice of fishing outside of landing days has limited the effectiveness of the days out program in controlling the rate of harvest.

The Draft Addendum presents six management options to improve the performance of the Area 1A fishery, ranging from restricting a vessel from landing fish caught on days out of the fishery to limiting transfers at sea as well as the amount a vessel can land per week. The document also seeks input on a tiered weekly landing limit for future management consideration.

Fishermen and interested stakeholders are encouraged to provide input on the Draft Addendum either by attending state public hearings or providing written comment. The Draft Addendum can be obtained at [this link](#) or via the Commission's website, [www.asmfc.org](http://www.asmfc.org) under Public Input. Public comment will be accepted until 5 PM (EST) on April 7, 2017 and should be forwarded to Ashton Harp, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, 1050 N. Highland St, Suite 200 A-N, Arlington, VA 22201; 703.842.0741 (FAX) or at [aharp@asmfc.org](mailto:aharp@asmfc.org) (Subject line: Draft Addendum I).

The Section will review submitted public comment and consider final approval of Addendum I at the Commission's Spring Meeting in May 2017. For more information, please contact Ashton Harp, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at [aharp@asmfc.org](mailto:aharp@asmfc.org) or 703.842.0740.

## NJ Outdoor Alliance Report

*By John Toth*

On behalf of the JCAA, I attended the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA) meeting on February 27th and also chaired this meeting as its president. The following is a brief summary of this meeting.



The NJOA held its fundraising dinner at the Black Forest Inn in Stanhope on February 19th, and it was a successful wild game dinner that included different menu items such as boar, venison, pheasant, snow goose, bear, quail, bison tongue and smoked trout that are not usually seen in most restaurants. JCAA's Paul Haertel gave about 25 lbs. of blackfish to this restaurant to prepare for this dinner that he caught on his boat along with his colleague (Kyren Dooley). Approximately 146 NJOA supporters were in attendance. Governor hopeful, Kim Guadagno, was the guest speaker and she talked about how she will support New Jersey's hunters and anglers. Kim usually attends the Governor's Surf Tournament along with her children. (The Governor's Surf Tournament is scheduled for **May 21st** of this year at Island Beach State Park).

The NJOA hosted a Caucus on February 28th at the State House in Trenton with legislators to provide them with information on a variety of important topics to us such as: Dog Trap issue, why a bear hunt is necessary, the 19-inch fluke problem and the very important lack of funding for our fisheries. This caucus was held without formal presentations and legislators were invited to simply show up at their convenience and listen to us talk about the above issues. Approximately a dozen legislators attended and they all knew about the 19-inch fluke issue, some more than others. This is good news since it shows this fluke issue is on the radar of our legislators and they were interested in learning more about this problem to support us.

## **NJ's Governor's Surf Tournament**

*By John Toth*

The Governor's Surf Tournament will be held on **May 21st** at Island Beach State Park. It is sponsored by the Jersey Coast Anglers Association, the Federation of Sportsmen's Club, NJ Beach Buggy Association, NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife, the NJ Division of Parks and the NJ DEP. The cost to pre-register is \$20 for anglers 18 years and older, and \$5 for ages 13-17. Ages 12 and under are free!

Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno is a regular at this tournament and she brings her kids along since they love to fish. Tom Fote usually joins them and gives them tips on catching fish.

What I enjoy about this tournament is the giving out of prizes on behalf of the JCAA for the winners in the various categories. It is so much fun to see kids come up to receive a fishing rod, reel and other prizes. Their eyes are so big and when they hold their prizes, it looks like they are holding a million dollars - **and nobody is going to take their prizes away from them!** Even teenagers look like little kids holding rods and reels like they just received Christmas gifts! But what is common among the winners and the anglers standing around to see the prizes being given out is that they enjoy fishing and most likely will fish throughout their lifetime. This tournament is exciting and it gives anglers of all ages and families to have a fun day of fishing! That's what fishing is all about!

For more information, call (609) 748-4347 or go visit [this link](#).

## **Youth Education Report**

*By Greg Kucharewski*

### **JERSEY SHORE PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING INC.**

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Jersey Shore Chapter will meet on Sunday, April 9, 2017 to fly fish Spring Lake from 10:00 am till noon. This is a great opportunity for disabled veterans to learn about fly fishing and possibly catch some fish after the first day of Trout season. If the weather is not favorable for fly fishing, Spring Lake veterans will meet at the VFW Post 2226, 212 Norwood Ave., Oakhurst, NJ. For more information contact Raoul 732-449-1758 or visit: [www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org).

### **COME AND CELEBRATE THE 26TH GSFT ANNIVERSARY**

Get ready to enter the largest surf-fishing tournament along the Jersey Shore. This year, it will be bigger and better than ever. The 26th Anniversary of the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament will be on Sunday, May 21, 2017. Don't miss a day of family fun! Pick up a brochure about the tournament at Island Beach State Park or at your favorite tackle dealer. This year sponsors of the tournament are adding a surf fishing opportunity for youngsters attending NJ high schools and other angling youth groups. The new High School Team Competition will add new excitement for high school students fishing the tournament. The GSFT committee members feel the

expanded opportunity for youth angling groups to fish the GSFT will create more excitement and recognition for young anglers on tournament day.

Remember admission to the park is FREE for the tournament. We would like to remind our physically challenged anglers that there is an area at OBA 1 with beach wheelchairs available. The JCAA Youth Education Committee is helping novice and physically challenged anglers at the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament. This year the World Jeep – Chrysler – Dodge - Ram, Shrewsbury, NJ will assist physically challenged anglers with a NEW 4x4 VIP vehicle to transport anglers that will be fishing the reserved area in front of OBA 1. Team World Jeep Chrysler will also be available to answer questions about 4x4 beach maintenance and fluids.

Members of the Vietnam Veterans of America (Chapter 12) and volunteer anglers from various fishing clubs will also assist physically challenged anglers. If you know a disabled veteran or angler that would like to fish the tournament, please phone Greg K at 732-785-9278 or email [Gkucharews@jcaa.org](mailto:Gkucharews@jcaa.org).

### **IGFA NJ APRIL BANQUET**

The International Game Fish Association New Jersey Representatives are hosting their 20th Annual Banquet and Auction on Friday, April 21, 2017, at Doolan's Shore Club, Spring Lake, NJ from 7 to 11 p.m. The banquet and auction benefits the IGFA Junior Angler and Conservation Programs. As always, New Jersey IGFA representatives Rich Keller, David Matagièse, Jeff Merrill and Gene Nigro, will make sure everyone has a good time.

Come out and enjoy a fun evening with fellow anglers and win auction items. Last year, over \$17,000 was contributed from the event to continue the IGFA's good work of promoting their junior angler and conservation programs. Tickets are \$75.00.

If you would like to attend and support this worthwhile event, please contact Jeff Merrill at 908-451-1110 or email [jeffmerrill2@verizon.net](mailto:jeffmerrill2@verizon.net).

### **NJ HOFNOD 2017 INSTRUCTOR TRAINING**

The next NJ HOFNOD instructor training workshop will take place at Lighthouse Camp Natural Resource Education in Waretown, NJ on April 28-30, 2017. The Jersey Coast Anglers Association, Youth Education Committee will assist with the training by providing a hands-on fly tying session for instructor trainees.

NJ HOFNOD is coordinated by Liz Jackson, HOFNOD Coordinator, DEP Division of Fish & Wildlife. Please contact Liz to learn more about the benefits of becoming a NJ HOFNOD instructor at 908-637-4125 x122 or e-mail at [Liz.Jackson@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Liz.Jackson@dep.nj.gov).

### **NEWARK BAIT AND FLY CASTING CLUB KIDS FISHING DERBY**

NB&FCC annual Kids Fishing Derby is held each year at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside, N. J. and is free for children 16 years of age and younger. Adults may enter for a nominal charge. The Derby runs for three weeks (date to be announced).

The registration booth is located at the gazebo on the lower lake and registrations will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on the first Saturday of the derby only. Children that have registered will receive a gift bag at the derby location up until 2pm on the first Saturday of the derby. Prizes for the derby will be awarded at the Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club's meeting on June 6, 2017 at 7pm. For additional information email: [info@nbfcc.org](mailto:info@nbfcc.org).

### **32ND ANNUAL HOOKED ON THE HUDSON**

The Palisades Interstate Park New Jersey and the Hudson River Fishermen's Association will host the 32nd Annual Hooked on the Hudson. This is a great time for kids at Ross Dock on Saturday, April 22, 2017 9am - 3pm and the fishing contest is FREE.

Just come down to the park, throw your line in the water and enjoy yourself. HRFA will supply all equipment and bait Free for your children to use! They continue the tradition of combining a fishing contest with exhibits provided by leading environmental conservation and sportsmen's organizations in our area. Food and Refreshments will be available. Fishing Contest hours are 9am – 1pm. Fishing information and assistance will be available. Exhibits start at 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Children Casting Contest 2:00pm-3:00pm with prizes awarded. Awards Ceremony at 3pm. Click [here](#) for more info.

### **PLAY HOOK-E FROM PTSD**

Veterans interested in learning about fishing and relaxing in the outdoors can attend free monthly Play HOOK-e from PTSD fishing workshops. For more information about the schedule, please contact Greg Kucharewski at 732-785-9278 or email [gkucharews@jcaa.org](mailto:gkucharews@jcaa.org).

Recreational fishing brings a myriad of economic benefits to communities throughout the U.S. The American Sportfishing Association (ASA) and Southwick Associates have released the 2017 update of Economic Contributions of Recreational Fishing: U.S. Congressional Districts, along with a new series of one-page infographics, which depict recreational fishing’s economic impact on all 435 Congressional districts and the 50 states.

The information in the report and infographics use data from the most recent U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services’ National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, conducted in conjunction with the U.S. Census Bureau, as presented in ASA’s Sportfishing in America report. The study used mapping and population software to hone in on smaller geographic areas in a way that is particularly relevant to members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The results in Economic Contributions of Recreational Fishing: U.S. Congressional Districts report describe the economic contributions for the respective state economies from anglers who live within each congressional district. The report and Congressional district infographics are available at [www.ASAfishing.org](http://www.ASAfishing.org) under Facts & Figures.

## NJ State Numbers

**NJ/ Number of Anglers 1,170,984/ They spent \$1.1 Billion/ Economic Output \$1.9 Billion/ Jobs 15,386**

| District (NJ)            | Resident Anglers | Retail Sales  | Total Multiplier Effect | Salaries and Wages | Jobs  | Federal Tax Revenues | State and Local Tax Revenues |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Donald Norcross        | 87,606           | \$ 99,701,018 | \$160,891,884           | \$49,615,583       | 1,319 | \$13,652,627         | \$11,878,213                 |
| 2 Frank A. LoBiondo      | 98,499           | \$112,098,604 | \$180,898,409           | \$55,785,163       | 1,483 | \$15,350,299         | \$13,355,241                 |
| 3 Thomas MacArthur       | 91,775           | \$104,446,589 | \$168,550,018           | \$51,977,186       | 1,382 | \$14,302,465         | \$12,443,593                 |
| 4 Christopher H. Smith   | 82,031           | \$ 93,357,367 | \$150,654,857           | \$46,458,705       | 1,235 | \$12,783,955         | \$11,122,441                 |
| 5 Josh Gottheimer        | 82,751           | \$ 94,176,688 | \$151,977,030           | \$46,866,434       | 1,246 | \$12,896,149         | \$11,220,054                 |
| 6 Frank Pallone          | 74,432           | \$ 84,708,724 | \$136,698,164           | \$42,154,762       | 1,121 | \$11,599,647         | \$10,092,056                 |
| 7 Leonard Lance          | 80,367           | \$ 91,462,615 | \$147,597,213           | \$45,515,793       | 1,210 | \$12,524,496         | \$10,896,704                 |
| 8 Albio Sires            | 40,838           | \$ 46,476,461 | \$ 75,001,093           | \$23,128,717       | 615   | \$ 6,364,286         | \$ 5,537,128                 |
| 9 Bill Pascrell          | 58,388           | \$ 66,449,576 | \$107,232,581           | \$33,068,212       | 879   | \$ 9,099,318         | \$ 7,916,692                 |
| 10 Donald M. Payne       | 62,575           | \$ 71,214,848 | \$114,922,507           | \$35,439,620       | 942   | \$ 9,751,854         | \$ 8,484,418                 |
| 11 Rodney Frelinghuysen  | 79,493           | \$ 90,468,305 | \$145,992,652           | \$45,020,981       | 1,197 | \$12,388,339         | \$10,778,243                 |
| 12 Bonnie Watson Coleman | 75,274           | \$ 85,667,109 | \$138,244,752           | \$42,631,696       | 1,133 | \$11,730,884         | \$10,206,237                 |