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"WORKING FOR MARINE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS"

JCAA REGULAR MEETING:

Tuesday, February 28th, 2017

Starting at 7:30 PM

At Jersey Coast Shark Anglers

NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 9th, 2017

Starting at 7:30 PM at JCAA Office

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IMPORTANT DATES

February 25th Saltwater National Seminar Series

February 28th JCAA General Meeting

March 2nd-5th Atlantic City Boat Show

March 17th-19th Saltwater Expo

May 21st Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament

August 5th JCAA Fluke Tournament

August 10th 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.

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, 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.**

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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

It is show season and JCAA will be at the following great events: George Poveromo's Salt Water Sportsman Seminar in Linwood on 2/28, The Atlantic City Boat Show from 3/2-3/5 and the Saltwater Fishing Expo in Somerset from 3/17-3/19. Stop by to say hello, learn the latest about regulations on fluke and sea bass, buy a couple raffle tickets or enter early for our fluke tournament on 8/5. In addition to a 50K cash prize doormat fluke category and a Grand Prize drawing for a boat, motor and trailer, we have some **new incentives for**

early entrants this year. Specifically, we are going to have cash prizes for the early entrants who catch the largest fluke: 1st place - \$1000, 2nd place - \$500, 3rd place - \$250. By entering early you will save \$30.00 from the regular entry fee and if you enter at one of the above shows we will even throw in two free JCAA t-shirts.

With the end of the winter nearing and despite regulations on certain species still in doubt, it won't be long until many of us will be on the water fishing again. There have been a lot of justified grumbings about unfair regulations and fatally flawed fisheries science. A growing number of fishermen have stated they are not going to comply with size and bag limits, nor do they intend to register with the NJ mandatory saltwater registry program. While we understand that sentiment, JCAA would still like to encourage all anglers to register or reregister in the program.

There are several reasons to do so; for one it is the law and most of us are law-abiding citizens. Secondly, if you are not legally registered you could be disqualified from a record catch or from winning a tournament. Lastly, in the future quotas for various species might be assigned by the number of fishermen in each state or region. Having fewer anglers in our state could someday result in smaller quotas and more restrictive regulations. The registration is free and it is simple to do. Just go to [this link](#).

Update on New Fluke Regulations

By John Toth

We have all heard about the straw that broke the camel's back. Well that is the story with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) telling us that we need to have a 19-inch fluke for our 2017 fishing season. If implemented, it will put a lot of party boats/charter boats and related industries out of business! Looking at this looming prospect, our legislators and the Commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Bob Martin, has come out swinging against this draconian proposal at a rally on January 27th at the Fisherman's Supply parking lot in Point Pleasant. Approximately 300 concerned anglers turned out to hear Commissioner Martin say that the new fluke options for 2017's season are unacceptable and our state will fight them with whatever means are necessary, **including legal action!** Commissioner Martin was

accompanied by Congressman Pallone and other legislators and fishing organizations speaking against the new regulations. Since the data to justify these new regulations is so faulty, the Commissioner and legislators demanded that a new benchmark assessment of fluke stocks must be made before they could accept and approve what ASMFC wants for New Jersey's 2017 fluke season. Until then, they want the 2016 fluke regulations to remain in place (5 fish, 18 inches, 125 days) - status quo. Commissioner Martin also indicated that he would address the ASMFC at its Board meeting in Alexandria, VA. on February 2nd to speak on behalf of NJ to reject the proposed fluke regulations for our state.

Commissioner Martin attended this meeting and told the ASMFC that New Jersey would **not** accept their proposed fluke regulations for 2017 because the data used by them is very flawed. Until it is corrected by a new benchmark assessment of fluke, NJ will stay with the status quo for its 2017 season. The ASMFC's Board rejected NJ's proposal and voted for Option 5 that allows for 3 fluke at 19 inches and a 125 day season. So, at this point, New Jersey has opted to go **out of compliance** with ASMFC's regulations! We will start our 2017 on **May 21st to September 25th with an 18-inch minimum size and 5 fish limit.** To my knowledge, this has never been done before with fluke, but we are just sick and tired of having the minimum size bumped up to the point that people are losing their livelihoods because of lousy data that justifies it! **Enough is Enough!** Remember in the movie (Network) when Peter Finch puts his head out the window and screams **"I am mad as hell and I am not taking it anymore"**!

So, we are in uncharted waters now! What's going to happen next? That is a good question. It will take some time for us to be ruled out of compliance and our state may initiate legal action to slow it down or stop it. These new regulations are also injurious to NJ's tourism industry and hopefully we can get the Trump administration involved in stopping them since it is pro-business. There are a lot of variables here and it is difficult to say with absolute certainty what will be the outcome. But all of us are pulling together to stop this 19-inch fish that includes the NJOA, JCAA, RFA, United Boatman, The Federation of Sportsmen's Club and Save our Summer Flounder. We will keep you updated as this issue unfolds!

Sea Bass - quick update - looks like we will have status quo for 2017 regulations. The quotas for this fishery are based on **estimates**. Fishery managers think that our quota should be increased by 53%. But they also **estimate** that we overfished our 2016 quota by 8% and a reduction was due. To prevent these stocks from being overfished, they want the 2017 sea bass regulations to stay at status quo. Does this make sense to you? I don't think many of us do!

Sandmining Meeting

January 24, 2017

By Ken Warshal, 1st VP

President John Toth and I met at the NJ Geological & Water Survey office located in Ewing, NJ with representatives of the recreational and commercial fishing community, NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Army Corp of Engineers, the Bureau of Energy Management and NJ Fish and Wildlife. Present were William Dixon, DEP, Manager Bureau of Coastal Engineering; Keith Watson, Project Manager ACOE Philadelphia; Jim Lovgren and Scott Mackey, Garden State Seafood Assoc.; Jim, Donofrio, RFA (via conference call); Russ Allen and Peter Clarke, NJF&W (via conference call). Also in attendance were several engineers and biologists from the ACOE, DEP and BOEM.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss options to protect "prime fishing areas" and other marine habitat that are designated as areas from which sand will be dredged once the Manasquan Inlet to Barnegat Inlet Storm Reduction Project commences.

Bill Dixon and Keith Watson led a lengthy conversation of the complexities of the process to arrive at final approval of the project. It is lengthy (takes several years) and has to go through a complicated vetting process involving many governmental agencies and the public.

The DEP and ACOE are well aware of the fishing community concerns on habitat loss and are making an effort to work with us to lessen the amount of sand needed to be taken from lumps specifically the Enrock Lump, aka Borrow Area B, and Manasquan Ridge.

Borrow Area B, located inshore of the Axel Carlson Reef, sits in 60-65' of water and has a 10' profile. The original dredging plan was to take almost the entire lump consisting of 7.5 MM cu yds of sand.

That plan has been modified to take a lesser amount, 5.0MM cu yds, and to still maintain a 10' profile. This will be accomplished by dredging deeper around the base of the lump.

Using sand dredged from the inlets was discussed. In the past, NJF&W has objected to this in Manasquan Inlet on the basis of negatively impacting marine life and due to cost restraints. They have also objected to utilizing Little Egg Inlet since sand migrating northward could impact an existing "wilderness zone" and could impact endangered species. Lack of funding is another issue. Legislative action is needed fund this especially since "navigation" budgets are separate from "beach fill" monies. We offered to assist in working with our legislators. Inlet sand is currently being dumped at sea. It would be very beneficial if that sand could be used to replenish dunes and beaches.

Use of underwater groins to capture washed away sand for future dredging was suggested. The DEP has tried this in the past without good results. They also tried barrier reefs off Avalon and Cape May which also didn't work. New technology is needed to recycle wash sand. Use of recycled crushed glass has been previously reviewed and rejected.

The DEP is considering expanding Borrow Area D off Seaside Park and test dredging surrounding flat areas to create lumps and trenches to create new habitat. They will also do additional borings to search for sand in the 60' depth south of Seaside. Jim Lovgren will with them on this.

They will also evaluate reseeding borrow areas with clams and mussels as well as dumping shells on the dredged areas to help kick start benthic growth.

Beth Brandreth, ACOE biologist, is studying the impact on finfish post dredging. She requested any info on historical catches on Borrow Area B to compare before and after populations. She stated it takes a 1 ½ to 2 years for marine life to return.

Overall the meeting was very worthwhile as it sets the stage for us to work together and help each other on this very complex issue. Bill and Keith will keep us in the loop as the dredging project develops.

End Game for Blueback Herring - Update

*Capt. Paul Eidman
Forage Fish Committee Chairman*

I have been working on river herring related issues for the past 25 years and was one of the first anglers/conservationists to jump up and call attention to the fact that they were disappearing rapidly before our eyes. We are quite literally at the bottom of the River Herring barrel, with the best available science telling us that 98% of the historic population is GONE.

But what has really happened to our alewife and blueback herring? These vital forage fish continue to be decimated out at sea as bycatch in the squid, mackerel, butterfish and Atlantic herring commercial fisheries. The root cause is kind of like all the mom and pop hardware stores that have given way to super store chains Home Depot and Lowes. Many of the family-owned small dayboats that used to fish in moderation are gone. They have been replaced by Giant pair trawling ships that use methods that are not sustainable. Day in, day out, these ships methodically strip mine the midwater zones of our coastal waters, keeping what they want and dumping overboard what they don't. River herring aren't yet recognized as "stocks in the fishery" so they fall thru the cracks, or in this case, just shoveled and dumped over the side.

Sure, commercial interests will fight back with the usual rationalization rhetoric stating the drastic downturn of River herring as being caused by habitat destruction, pollution and dams, climate change, etc. but anglers see the reality that tells us otherwise. Just a few decades ago, waters were even more polluted than they are now and the dams that have been there for over a century and you could scoop up river herring all day long with no end in sight. Hang a little gold hook in the water and you had one. Guys had dozens of them in kiddie pools in our yards, casting them out and "live-lining" and catching stripers! It's very clear that the river herring were doing just fine, that is, until greed took over and the fishery shifted towards industrialization. We return to those very same waters now and you are lucky to see a single fish.

Federal agencies, like NOAA and NMFS, have continued to stand by for years and watch as millions of pounds of fish are wasted, yet at the same time

continue to spend millions to fund and support onshore habitat restoration and dam removal. Restoration on inland headwaters makes no sense if the slaughter at sea continues. It's crazy but it appears as if it is all a big smoke and mirrors trick to distract us from the truth, while protecting commercial interests as American marine ecosystems go down the toilet.

One of the many goals in this effort was to get the Atlantic Blueback Herring listed as an endangered species. Specifically, the genetic subset of mid-Atlantic blueback's that are highly imperiled at this time and directly impacts our gamefish and ecosystem here in New Jersey. The US court system took up our case on Thursday, 2/16/17, and we hope to hear from the judge shortly. A win for us would be that the decision not to list the blueback herring will be remanded, or sent back. It's not a clear win, but in the complex world of fisheries management, winning comes in a variety of shapes and sizes. I am compelled to say that District Court judge, Randall Moss, restored my faith in the federal justice system. He was clearly well prepared and did his homework on this matter and was enthusiastic about making sure that this little smelly fish was treated fairly.

For me, this was another milestone event in my forage fish "career". I have been through this before, as this is the 3rd lawsuit in the last 6 years that our organization, Anglers Conservation Network, was a plaintiff in. Working with attorneys from Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and Earth Justice, along with Delaware River Shad Fisherman's Association, Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association, Gateway Striper Club and Phillip Lofgren, Herring Warden of Weymouth, MA., we have filed these actions against NOAA and NMFS and the Department of Commerce.

Until now, the efforts of the feds defense teams to prevent herring from either becoming designated as a "stock in the fishery" or as an endangered species have succeeded, always due to finding some BS technicality to defeat us. In any of these suits, all we are asking them to do is to do what the law requires them to do, conserve and manage fish. Leave enough fish in the water to play the role as food for other species.

As I was sitting in the courtroom, all I could think of was that at this very moment, they are pair trawling and dumping dead river herring overboard, without consequence, same as yesterday and the day before that. Yes, we are in the final innings of the

River Herring game, and unless we do something drastic they will not make it and neither will the other creatures that depend upon them for food.

I would like to hold out a little hope as Mother Nature has proven to be quite resilient in the face of the stupidity of humans. We will go on record as anglers fighting on the right side of history, but I can't help but wonder why we need to resort to filing a lawsuit to get the federal agencies to do what they are supposed to do in the first place?

Find and follow Capt. Paul on social media and online:

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NJ Outdoor Alliance Report

By John Toth

On behalf of the JCAA, I attended the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA) meeting on January 23rd and also chaired this meeting as its president. The following is a brief summary of this meeting.

New Fluke Regulations - a lot of discussion centered around how destructive the proposed regulations would be to both the fishing and tourism of our state. The recurring problem with bad data that negatively affects our fisheries is an issue that has to be changed or, otherwise, we will run into the same problem again year after year with bad regulations. Sergio Radossi recommended that we form a group of anglers who would try to develop a plan/strategy to address this bad data issue instead of just reacting to it such as this 19-inch issue. Reaction to it was favorable, but more needs to be done to bring this idea to fruition.

NJOA - will have its fundraising dinner at the Black Forest Inn in Stanhope on February 19th. It is a wild game diner that includes different menu items such as boar, venison, pheasant that are not usually seen in most restaurants. Governor hopeful, Kim Guadagno, is the guest speaker.

NJOA - will organize/host 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.

Membership Report

By Kyren Dooley

Association membership dues are due on January 1, 2017 and invoices have been mailed to your club. Please complete all the information on the forms provided to you so that we can have accurate information about your club.

Please note that our JCAA address has changed!! The JCAA has moved to a new location and the address is as follows:

**Jersey Coast Anglers Association
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1594 Lakewood Road
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If there are any 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 (609) 713-7712 or at dools702@comcast.net.

Youth Education Report

By Greg Kucharewski

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.

HIGH SCHOOL SURF FISHING TEAM COMPETITION

Many thanks go to the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament Committee and the main sponsors of the tournament for 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 on Sunday, May 21, 2017. The New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen Clubs, New Jersey Beach Buggy Association, Jersey Coast Anglers Association, NJ DEP, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Division of Parks and Forestry, and NJ "Hooked on Fishing not On Drugs" along with individuals such as; Frank Dara, Karen Byrne, Liz Jackson, Paul Smith, Frank Virgilio, Bob DeLeonard, Jenifer Clayton, Kyren Dooley and GSFT Committee Members that worked with high school educators Jim Freda and Eric Wasneskyren, - Manasquan High School Fishing Club, Jeremy Muermann and Terry Stuart – Lacey Township HS Fishing Club, Bob MacMaster – Toms River Southern Regional Fishing Club and other GSFT Committee members to make this happen for the Governor's 26th Annual Surf Fishing Tournament.

How does the High School Fishing Team Competition work? Five school-age students that are part of a formal fishing club or members of a NJ "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs" group or a non-formal angling group can register for the Governor's Annual Surf Fishing Tournament. Schools can have more than one team of five and there is no fee for entrance to the park or to register. All angling team members will receive a t-shirt for registering.

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.

The Governor's Cup for individual winners is displayed at Island Beach State Park. The Governor's High School Team Cup will reside alongside the Governor's Cup Trophy and each year the name of the winning high school team will be engraved on the base of the cup. Plaques for first, second, and third place will be presented by the Governor or a high-ranking official from state government.

The school team category is supported by the following but we expect more support as the high school fishing team competition catches on: The Fisherman Magazine, The Reel Seat, Fish Hawkes

Saltwater Anglers Club, Shark River Anglers, and NJ "Hooked On Fishing – Not On Drugs."

For more information about New Jersey High School Team Surf Fishing, please visit [this link](#).



STUDENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife and its partners is offering teens some exciting summer programs based at the Sedge Island Natural Resource Education Center located off Island Beach State Park in Barnegat Bay. These unique, educational and fun programs include fishing, research and field experiences in a beautiful location. Sedge Island Fishing Experience, June 22-25 and August 24-27, 2017.

The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, in partnership with the Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ, is offering two sessions of this 4-day 3-night program open to students going into grades 8 and 9 in the fall of 2017. Students will spend the first three days fishing the area while learning about the surrounding ecosystem. On the final night a parent or guardian will join the group and spend the last night learning from the students, and the following day fishing with them. Cost is \$475.00 and includes all meals, lodging, instruction and equipment.

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 2:00 P.M. on 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 7:00 P.M.

You can request additional information via e-mail at info@nbfcc.org.

ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK BEACH WHEELCHAIRS

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, 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 maintenance and fluids.

Members of the Vietnam Veterans of America (Chapter 12) and volunteer anglers from various fishing clubs will also assist. Island Beach wheelchairs are provided by: Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament Committee, New Jersey Beach Buggy Association, New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Club, Jersey Coast Anglers Association, Jersey Shore Surfcasters, Greater Point Pleasant Charter Boat Association, John Mangiante Foundation, Manasquan River Marlin and Tuna Club, and Jersey Coast Shark 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.

ANNUAL TROUT CONTEST FOR KIDS

The Shark River Surf Anglers are proud to announce the 2017 edition of the annual Trout Contest for Kids at Spring Lake, NJ. This year's contest is scheduled for Saturday, April 8th from 8 AM to 1:30 PM and it is offered FREE of charge to all children ages 15 and under. Great prizes will be a huge part of the day, as we award a sensational Grand Prize to an overall winner, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes to individual winners in each of four different age categories. Don't miss this contest. Every contestant will go home a winner, as the Shark River Anglers present ALL participants with a "thank you" prize

package that contains about \$40 worth of goods and gear! Bonus events prior to the contest: Saturday, April 1 at 9:30 am, all youngsters are invited to help stock the lake. Over 500 trout will be stocked by the Mercer Ave. monument. On Sunday, April 2, at 11:00am, a fishing seminar for kids will be conducted at The Reel Seat, Brielle, NJ.

Hundreds of young anglers are expected to circle around Spring Lake waiting for the start of the contest. Don't forget to get there early, otherwise you must park along the side streets of Spring Lake and walk a great distance to find a spot to fish. Every year, the Shark River Surf Anglers spend a lot of time and energy to make this event a success. Come out and enjoy some fishing fun, catch big fish, and win prizes. For more information phone: 732-492-6936 or visit their [website](#).

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 9:00 am-3:00 pm 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 9:00am - 1:00pm. Fishing information and assistance will be available. Exhibits start at 9:00am-3:00pm. Children Casting Contest 2:00pm-3:00pm with prizes awarded. The Awards Ceremony will be at 3:00pm. For more information go to hrfanj.org.

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August 5th, 2017

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