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

### JCAA REGULAR MEETING:

**Tuesday, June 30th 2019**

**Starting at 7:30 PM**

**385 Herbertsville Rd, Brick**

**NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday, June 13th, 2019**

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

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

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

*No General Meeting in July & August*

**July 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> ICAST**

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

**August 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> ASMFC Summer Meeting Week**

**August 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> New JCAA Fluke Tournament**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> JCAA Board Meeting**

**September 24<sup>th</sup> JCAA General Meeting**

**October 10<sup>th</sup> JCAA Board Meeting**

**October 29<sup>th</sup> JCAA General Meeting**

**November 10<sup>th</sup> JCAA Sportsperson Dinner**

### **President's Report**

*By Mark Taylor*

On June 15<sup>th</sup> the weather started out sunny with the wind increasing as the day went on during the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual JCAA Fluke Tournament. The participants got out early to try to catch the fluke of a lifetime before the winds became too strong and the drift too fast. Some of those that were lucky or skilled enough were able to catch some keepers but everyone I talked to mentioned that they had a lot of shorts. I always tell everyone that is fishing in any type of tournament that they should always bring a legal fish to the scale for weighing because you will never know if it placed until it is too late. That is what happened to a few of the participants this year. When the results came out they found that there were some regions that not all the places have had a fish weighed in. They found out that they had a fish worth weighing but said to themselves that it would not place but they were wrong. Like all of us that did the same thing and learned from it, hopefully they did too.

The awards ceremony was held on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion Hotel in Toms River. The night went very well with all the Region and the Calcutta winners

being acknowledged for their catches. There was a drawing of a brand-New StarCraft Boat powered by a Yamaha Outboard and sitting on a Yacht Club Trailer given to a lucky winner that night. There were pictures taken of the lucky winner by the Fisherman Magazine's John DeBona, so look for an article with the picture in the upcoming issue of Fisherman Magazine.

I would like to thank the Tournament Chairman, Paul Turi, and his fellow volunteers for all the hard work. Check out the results in this newsletter.

As many of you may have heard, JCAA will be running another Fluke tournament this year in August but with a different format. JCAA Past President Paul Haertel, chair of this tournament, will be coordinating the tournament. If you are a person that fishes for fluke and enjoy participating in tournaments, this is a not to miss tournament. Check for more details in Paul's article in this newsletter, Facebook Page or contact him.

If you love to fish for all kinds of species, then you are part of the recreational fishing community. If you want to continue to enjoy doing this in the future, you need to stay in touch with what will affect it. There are always things happening every day that affect us in the recreational community. JCAA Newsletters, Website and Facebook Page are very good sources to get the up-to-date information on these issues. There are others as well but not always up to date but are good sources. Some of the issues that are hot right now are Management of Striped Bass, Fluke, Bluefin Tuna and Windmills. JCAA will put dates on our Facebook Page when they become available. You and your friends that fish need to attend these meetings to voice your opinion. Without that we all lose. If a special JCAA meeting is needed to discuss things from the meetings, it will be announced. If you belong to a fishing club or not and want to get more involved, then contact us at the JCAA office or email us. We are always looking for people.

We have our Sportsperson of the Year Dinner on November 10<sup>th</sup>. This year it will be at another venue so check out an article in this newsletter for details. We are still looking for clubs to nominate someone for this honor. The club needs to write a brief letter the reasons why their nominee should receive it. Make sure your club gets them in. A vote will be taken at the September Meeting.

Everyone have a safe summer and enjoy time with your family on the water. Remember the children

are our future and you want them to enjoy the things you did so get involved.

There will be no July and August Meetings. The next JCAA General Meeting is September 24<sup>th</sup> at 385 Herbertsville Road, Brick NJ, 08724. Make sure you mark your calendar. Remember, JCAA is always here for you, but we need more people to get involved to help protect the future of our fisheries.

## **Fisheries Management & Legislative Report**

*By Tom Fote*

### **Bluefin Tuna**

There are two notices below that were sent out about the upcoming hearings on new management measures for bluefin tuna. The first notice is the update on the meeting in Toms River. The original press release had an earlier meeting date but contained more information about what is going on. Please read both notices. In the original notice the comment period ends on July 31 but the meeting in Toms River has been changed to July 30. If you are coming to the July 30 meeting you can hand in your comments then. I will be asking for an extension to the comment period. At this time JCAA does not have a Highly Migratory Species Chairman or committee. If you are at all interested in sharks, tuna, swordfish or other highly migratory species, let me know if you want to volunteer as a member or a chair. If some of the clubs want to have a meeting on this proposal, let me or Mark Taylor know.

### **Striped Bass Update**

I do not have any new information since I wrote the article for the June newspaper so I have included it below. New information for the August 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> ASMFC Summer Meeting will be posted at the ASMFC web page on July 27. The supplemental materials should be posted by August 1. I will try to send an alert when they are posted. The meeting will be on August 8 beginning at 8:30. There will be public hearings after the August meeting. JCAA does not have a position at this time and no general meeting is scheduled until September 24<sup>th</sup>. I am asking for 3 public hearings in New Jersey. If these hearings are scheduled before September 24, JCAA might need a

special striped bass meeting to determine our position. The comment period will probably last until October since the annual meeting is not until the last week in October. I will keep you posted.

## Striped Bass Update

*(Reprinted from June 2019 JCAA Newsletter)*

As you can see in the press release below, there is a new striped bass benchmark stock assessment. There was much discussion about how to proceed and it was decided to do an addendum first. In August there will be further discussion about an amendment to the striped bass bill which will consider many of the states' concerns.

The addendum will look at whether we do another reduction of the recreational striped bass catch. There will also be consideration of what should be done on the commercial side. Some states proposed doing nothing since they didn't think they were the problem. They forgot to mention the millions of pounds of fish that are poached with many court cases to prove this is happening.

I will be waiting to see how the board will deal with recreational discards since that makes up 52% of recreational mortality. The board cannot ignore this. I find it interesting that New York never discusses their poaching problem even though those of us who fish in Raritan Bay can attest to this problem. New Jersey and Maryland have pursued poachers but it is hard for us to do that for other states. New York needs to get its house in order.

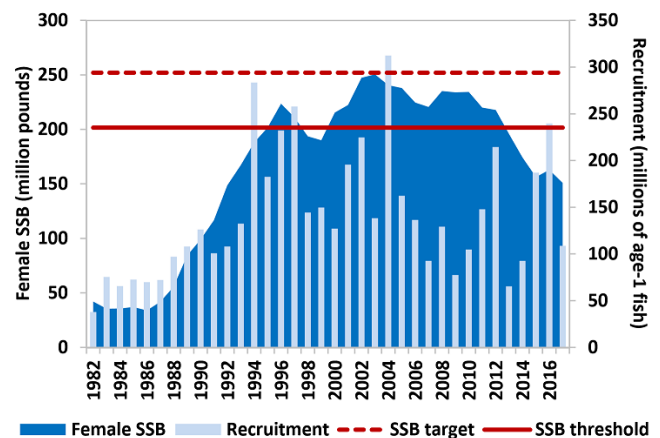
I found it extremely interesting that the 2018 preliminary information about the catch is not included in the information being disseminated. I recommended that we use the 2018 data since it is the most current and it should be finalized before the August meeting. The catch figure is a 25% reduction. It is more than the 17% reduction being considered for the addendum. The states that are looking to be the most conservative are opposed since they said it wasn't included in the benchmark and want to ignore it. I asked them not to. If we have firm data for 2018, it should be included in any discussion about an addendum. I got little support for this approach and I will bring it up again in August and insist that it be included. Good fisheries management uses the best and the most current data for decisions.

## Atlantic Striped Bass Benchmark Stock Assessment Finds Resource Overfished and Overfishing Occurring

Board Initiates Addendum to Reduce  
Total Fishing Mortality

ASMFC Press Release, May 1 2019

Arlington, VA – The 2018 Atlantic Striped Bass Benchmark Stock Assessment indicates the resource is overfished and experiencing overfishing relative to the updated reference points defined in the assessment. Female spawning stock biomass (SSB) was estimated at 151 million pounds, below the SSB threshold of 202 million pounds. Despite recent declines in SSB, the assessment indicated the stock is still significantly above the SSB levels observed during the moratorium in the mid-1980s. Total fishing mortality (F) was estimated at 0.31, above the F threshold of 0.24. The benchmark assessment and its single-stock statistical catch-at-age model was endorsed by the Peer Review Panel and accepted by the Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board (Board) for management use.



Based on these findings and the tripping of Amendment 6's reference point management triggers relating to F and SSB thresholds (e.g., F in 2017 is above the threshold level and SSB is below the threshold level), the Board initiated the development of a Draft Addendum to consider measures aimed to reduce F to the target level. The Technical Committee estimates it would require roughly a 17% reduction in total removals (commercial and recreational harvest, including dead releases) to reduce F to the target in 2020 relative to 2017 levels. The Draft Addendum

will explore a range of management options, including minimum size and slot size limits for the recreational fishery in the Chesapeake Bay and along the coast, as well as a coastwide circle hook requirement when fishing with bait. The Board also provided guidance on how to apply the necessary reductions to both the commercial and recreational sectors. The Draft Addendum will be presented to the Board for its consideration and approval for public comment in August. If approved, it will be released for public comment, with the Board considering its final approval in October for implementation in 2020. Additionally, the Board postponed a motion to initiate the development of an Amendment until its next meeting in August.

Atlantic striped bass experienced a period of strong recruitment (estimated as number of age-1 fish) from 1994-2004, followed by a period of lower recruitment from 2005-2011 (although not as low as the early 1980s, when the stock was considered collapsed). This period of low recruitment contributed to the decline in SSB in recent years. Recruitment was high in 2012, 2015, and 2016 (corresponding to strong 2011, 2014, and 2015 year classes), but recruitment estimates were below the long-term average in 2013, 2014, and 2017. Recruitment in 2017 was estimated at 108.8 million age-1 fish, below the time series average of 140.9 million fish.

## **ASMFC Summer Meeting August 6-8, 2019**

The Westin Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia

### **Preliminary Agenda**

The agenda is subject to change. Bulleted items represent the anticipated major issues to be discussed or acted upon at the meeting. The final agenda will include additional items and may revise the bulleted items provided below. The agenda reflects the current estimate of time required for scheduled Board meetings. The Commission may adjust this agenda in accordance with the actual duration of Board meetings. Interested parties should anticipate Boards starting earlier or later than indicated herein.

### **Tuesday, August 6**

**8 – 10 am:** Executive Committee

*(A portion of this meeting may be a closed session for Committee members and Commissioners only)*

- Consider Policy Addressing Non-Payment of State Assessments
- Consider Proposed Revision to the Annual Report
- Update on Transitioning the For-hire Telephone Survey to State/ACCSP Conduct
- Discuss Commission Involvement in Biosecurity and Bait Sources

**10:15 am – Noon:** South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board

- Consider Approval of Atlantic Cobia Amendment 1
- Progress Update on Draft Addenda for Atlantic Croaker and Spot Traffic Light Analyses
- Review and Consider Approval of 2019 Fishery Management Plan Reviews and State Compliance Reports for Atlantic Cobia, Atlantic Croaker, and Red Drum

**1 - 2 pm:** American Eel Management Board

- Review Board Working Group Recommendations on Addressing Coastwide Cap Overages
- Review and Consider Approval of Aquaculture Proposals

**2:15 - 3:15 pm:** Horseshoe Crab Management Board

- Consider Potential Management Response to the 2019 Benchmark Stock Assessment
- Review and Consider Approval of 2019 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance Reports

**3:30 - 5 pm:** Atlantic Menhaden Management Board

- Progress Update on Menhaden Single Species and Ecological Reference Point Benchmark Stock Assessments
- Review and Consider Approval of 2019 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance Reports
- Set 2020 Atlantic Menhaden Fishery Specifications

### **Wednesday, August 7**

**8:30 - 11:15 am:** Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Management Board

- Review Potential Black Sea Bass Commercial Management Strategies and Consider Initiating

Management Action to Address Commercial Allocation

- Progress Update on the Recreational Management Reform Working Group
- Update on Management Strategy Evaluation of Summer Flounder Recreational Fishery Project
- Report from the ACFHP/MAFMC Project: Characterizing Black Sea Bass habitat in the Mid-Atlantic Bight
- Discuss Discard Mortality

**9 am - 4 pm:** Committee on Economics and Social Sciences

- Review Ongoing Committee Activities
- Discuss Efforts to Increase the Availability and Use of Socioeconomic Information in Management
- Review Committee Input on the Commission's Draft Risk and Uncertainty Policy

**11:30 am - 12:30 pm:** Spiny Dogfish Management Board

- Consider Approval of Draft Addendum VI for Public Comment
- Review and Consider Approval of 2019 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance Reports

**1:15 - 3:15 pm:** Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy Board

- Review 2019 Performance of the Stocks Report
- Review and Consider Approval of Commission Guiding Documents
- Update on American Lobster Enforcement Vessel
- Committee Reports
- Consider Noncompliance Recommendations (If Necessary)

**3:15 - 3:30 pm:** Business Session

- Consider Approval of Atlantic Cobia Amendment 1
- Consider Noncompliance Recommendations (If Necessary)

**3:45 - 4:45 pm:** Tautog Management Board

- Review Implementation Guidelines for the Commercial Harvest Tagging Program
- Review and Consider Approval of 2019 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance Reports

**Thursday, August 8**

**8:30 - 11:30 am:** Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board

- Consider Approval of Draft Addendum VI for Public Comment
- Consider Postponed Motions from the April 2019 Meeting:

*Main Motion: Move to initiate an Amendment to the Atlantic Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan to address the needed consideration for change on the issues of fishery goals and objectives, empirical/biological/spatial reference points, management triggers, rebuilding biomass, and area-specific management. Work on this Amendment will begin upon the completion of the previously discussed Addendum to the Management Plan. Motion made by Mr. Luisi and seconded by Mr. Clark.*

*Motion to Amend: Move to amend to add reallocation of commercial quota between states. Motion made by Mr. Pugh and seconded by Mr. Reid.*

- Review and Consider Approval of 2019 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance Reports

**12:30 - 5 pm:** NOAA Fisheries Wind Power Workshop for New England & Mid-Atlantic Commissioners

**Update to Scoping Meeting Schedule for 3 Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Actions**

*Second notice with a date Change*

*Toms River, NJ meeting to take place July 30, 2019 at the Ocean County Library 101 Washington Street, Toms River NJ 08753 at 5-8PM.*

NOAA Fisheries has updated the scoping meetings schedule for actions evaluating possible revisions to measures implemented under the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fisheries Management Plan.

The meeting in Toms River, NJ, which will feature a discussion of bluefin tuna management measures, *will now take place on July 30, 2019 at 5–8 p.m.*

The public process for the actions listed below begins with scoping to determine the range of issues for each action. Notices announcing our intent to prepare an environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act and the availability of an issues and options paper for each action were announced separately.

*\*The July 30, 2019 meeting in Toms River, NJ may be scheduled along with a public hearing for a proposed rule to modify pelagic longline bluefin tuna area-based and weak hook management measures. For further information, watch for an upcoming Federal Register notice announcing the proposed rule public hearing schedule.*

Learn more about the measures and the meeting schedule at [this link](#).

## **Amendment 13 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan: Bluefin Management Measures**

Notice by NOAA, 05/21/2019

### **AGENCY:**

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

### **ACTION:**

Notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact analysis; notice of availability of issues and options paper; request for comments.

### **SUMMARY:**

NMFS announces its intent to prepare an environmental impact analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the availability of the Issues and Options Paper for Amendment 13 to the 2006 Consolidated Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP) (Issues and Options Paper). This notice announces the start of a public process for determining the scope of significant issues related to the management of Atlantic bluefin tuna (bluefin), and addressing issues identified by considering modification of bluefin regulations. The catalysts for beginning this regulatory process are the release of the Draft Three-Year Review of the IBQ Program (Three-Year Review), recent changes in the bluefin fishery,

and advice and input from the HMS Advisory Panel and the public.

The environmental impact analysis will include an assessment of the potential effects of alternative measures for management of bluefin under the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan (2006 Consolidated HMS FMP). The subjects in the Issues and Options Paper include refining the Individual Bluefin Quota (IBQ) Program, reassessing allocation of the bluefin quota and subquota, including the potential elimination or phasing out of the Purse Seine category, and other regulatory provisions regarding directed fisheries and incidental pelagic longline fisheries. The scoping process and environmental impact analysis would determine whether existing management measures are the best means of achieving current management objectives and providing flexibility to adapt to variability in the future, consistent with the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA), and other relevant Federal laws. NMFS will use the scoping process and the draft environmental impact analysis to consider development of Amendment 13 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP, if warranted.

NMFS is requesting comments on this NOI and the management options described in the Issues and Options Paper, and other potential regulatory provisions regarding the bluefin directed fisheries and incidental pelagic longline fishery that would meet the purpose and need for this action. NMFS will hold public scoping meetings and a webinar to gather comment on these measures and potential management options. The time and location details of the scoping meetings and webinar will be announced in a separate Federal Register notice. NMFS will also present the Issues and Options Paper at the HMS Advisory Panel Meeting on May 22, 2019 ([link](#)).

### **DATES:**

Written comments on this NOI and the scoping document must be received on or before July 31, 2019.

### **ADDRESSES:**

The presentation at the HMS Advisory Panel will be held at the Sheraton Silver Spring Hotel, 8777



Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. You may submit comments, identified by "NOAA-NMFS-2019-0042," by either of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and search for: NOAA-NMFS-2019-0042, Click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.
- **Mail:** Tom Warren, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, NOAA Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930.

## JCAA New Format Fluke Tournament - August 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

*By Paul Haertel*

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association is pleased to announce that we will be running a second fluke tournament this summer on August 16th, 17th and 18th. We are going to try an exciting new format and see how much interest it generates. For seven years in a row, we have had bad weather or a bad weather forecast on the day of our tournament. Therefore, this tournament will run for three days with hope that we will have good weather on at least one day. We realize that not everyone can fish two or three days, so to be fair to everyone, each boat will be limited to fishing only one day. However, each entrant will be able to choose the day they fish. The other major change is that the 1st through 5th place prizes will be based on the total weight of each entrant's three largest fluke. This will take some of the luck factor out of the tournament and we are also limiting the number of anglers to 4 per boat to keep it a level playing field. Based on a minimum of 250 boats, 1st place will be \$5000, 2nd place \$2500, 3rd place \$1500 and there will be gift certificates from our sponsors for 4th and 5th place. Additionally, there will be a \$1000 prize for the largest fluke caught in the tournament. We will also have \$50 and \$100 three fluke Calcuttas, \$50 and \$100 single fluke Calcuttas and even a \$50 single seabass Calcutta.

This tournament is being run on short notice so there will only be four weigh-in stations this year, located in the central part of our state. The weigh-in stations will be Fishermen's Den in Belmar, Capt. Bills Landing Marina in Manasquan, Creekside Outfitters in Waretown and Fisherman's Headquarters in Ship Bottom. However, if this new format works, we will add more weigh-in stations to the north and south next year. We hope to take the best features of both of our tournaments and combine them into one really good tournament next year.

The awards ceremony and Country Style Barbeque will be held at the Brick Athletic League Building from 5-9 PM on August 18th. Barbequed chicken, pulled pork, sausage & peppers, baked beans, corn on the cob, coleslaw, macaroni salad, soda and water will be served and you can BYOB as well. We will have a 50/50 and live entertainment will be provided by Ken and the Escorts!

Entry fee per boat (up to 4 anglers) is \$125 by 8/9 or \$150 after 8/9. The entry fee includes two admissions to the Awards Ceremony/BBQ but additional tickets may be purchased for \$25 each. You may sign up online until 11:59 PM on 8/15. For complete details and to print an application or to register online go to [www.jcaa.org](http://www.jcaa.org), visit our [Facebook page](#) or call Paul at 973-943-8201.

## JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner

*By Paul Turi, Co-Chairman*

On Sunday, **November 10<sup>th</sup>**, JCAA will be holding its annual sportsperson of the year awards dinner to honor this year's sportsperson of the year.

The event this year will be held at Martell's Water's Edge in Bayville, NJ. Tickets are \$80 per ticket and \$650 for a table of 10. There will be a cocktail hour and a cash bar along with a full course meal. There will also be a tricky tray auction, a silent auction and many door prizes.

If your club wishes to nominate someone for this prestigious award, send me a bio of no more than 250 words, or you may nominate someone at our September meeting when we will be voting for this year's sportsperson of the year.

As always, I can use gifts for the door prizes, tricky tray and silent auctions.

To reserve tickets, call Dan Miller at (609) 334-2988 or email at [blueangray@comcast.net](mailto:blueangray@comcast.net). This year we have to provide Martell's with a head count 30 days before the event, so please get your dinner orders in by then.

## Public Access Bill Update

*By John Toth*

With the urging of many fishing and environmental organizations, Governor Murphy signed the Public Beach Access Bill on May 3, 2019. This law becomes effective on July 3, 2019.

The Public Access bill codifies the Public Trust Doctrine into law. This Doctrine states that the tidal waters are held in trust by our State for the benefit of the public. The bill confirms the public's longstanding right to use our state's tidal waters and its adjacent shorelines. It also provides direction to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) on how to protect and enhance public access when permitting development and approving publicly funded projects. The NJDEP is now directed to make all tidal waters and their shorelines available to the public and remove physical and other impediments that limit this access.

The passage of this bill was the culmination of a long struggle that began in 2015. The Hackensack Riverkeeper won an appeal of the NJ DEP's Public Access Proposal since it would have stripped back protections of the Public Trust Doctrine. Shortly after this appeal, Senator Bob Smith, head of the Senate's Environmental and Energy Committee, convened a task force in 2016 to help our legislature develop provisions for a new Public Trust Doctrine that would codify and strengthen our state's obligations to provide public access to its beaches and waterways. This task force was comprised of various organizations and led by the American Littoral Society and the NY/NJ Baykeeper. Approximately 40 to 50 people attended these task force meetings that were held in Trenton. I attended three of them and I can attest that these meetings sometimes became heated with individuals advancing their special interests that collided with the interests of other organizations. After a number of meetings and hearings with Senator Bob Smith, language for this bill (A) 4221 and (S) 1074 was finally developed and acceptable for passage by our legislature during

March of this year and passed on to the Governor for his signature.

In the past, municipalities have restricted public access with restrictive parking measures, vacating street ends and non-maintenance of necessary dune/bulkhead walkways that are needed to access the water's edge. In short, many municipalities passed ordinances with the focus of keeping anglers off "their" beaches. This type of mindset will be a challenge to change even with this new access law in place.

A meeting was held on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the American Littoral Society's office in Sandy Hook and chaired by Tim Dillingham with representatives from various fishing and environmental organizations. The purpose of this meeting was to unite members of these organizations into a new coalition to ensure that provisions of this new bill are properly managed and enforced by the NJDEP. This will **not** be an easy task. I represented the JCAA, New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA) and the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County. This meeting started at 10:00 a.m. and ended at noon. The following are some of the major points that were raised at this meeting:

- Identify and inventory those municipalities where access is restricted and is in clear violation of the new law. George Browne of the JCAA will lead this effort.
- When tax monies are spent on various public projects, new or improved access must be provided.
- When new building permits are initiated for shore/waterway locations, municipalities must have public access included in them.
- This law is new and the details of it have to be developed as in a model ordinance so that they are easy to understand for municipalities to follow and also include in their town's Master Plans.
- The public also needs to understand the rights it has for access under this new law so that it can report any violations they experience.
- When violations occur, who in the NJDEP will be the contact person(s) for taking reports and initiating corrective measures? Enforcement is key to the success of this new law.

Tim Dillingham agreed to develop a summary of this meeting with input from the coalition members.



When this summary is completed, he will send it to NJDEP Commissioner Catherine R. McCabe for her review and discussion.

This new law for public access will not make changes overnight to the restrictive measures anglers have endured for many years blocking their access or limiting access to beaches. However, I do believe in time we will see better public access to our beaches and waterways. I will keep you updated as changes occur.

## **Your Sunscreen May Kill Coral Reefs. What Should You Do?**

*By Julia S. Wilburn*

Coral reefs are the most diverse marine ecosystems in the world. They have existed for over 400 million years and give shelter to thousands of animal species.

Today, coral reefs are dying at an alarming rate. Ongoing climate change is responsible for the death of approximately 50 percent of the world coral in the last 30 years.

According to scientists, it's not only the climate change to cause coral death. Regular sunscreen can induce the same [bleaching response in corals](#).

The extinction of corals can have devastating global-scale effects, but we can all contribute to preserving our reefs by swapping regular sunscreen with a reef-safe sunblock.

### **How Does Regular Sunscreen Affect Coral Reefs?**

Regular sunscreens utilize two key ingredients to protect you from sunburns and potentially from skin cancer, oxybenzone, and octinoxate.

These synthetic molecules are present in almost all chemical sunscreens, and they are highly toxic for corals and marine species. According to research, when corals absorb these compounds, they expel their life-giving algae, a phenomenon known as coral bleaching.

Oxybenzone, above all, is so toxic that a single drop of it in over 600,000 gallons of water is enough to endanger these marine organisms.

With an estimated 14,000 tons of sunscreen being washed into the ocean each year, the large-scale consequences can be disastrous if we don't decide to use reef-safe products.

### **What Is Reef-Safe Sunscreen?**

[Reef-safe sunscreen](#), also known as mineral sunblock, is a type of sunscreen that utilizes particles of zinc oxide or titanium dioxide that act as a barrier between your skin and the harmful rays.

However, not all mineral sunscreens are reef-safe. Studies have shown that corals can ingest nano-size particles of these compounds, which could also lead to coral bleaching.

Reef-safe sunscreens are those mineral sunscreens that contain non-nanoparticles (particles with a size over 100 nanometers) of zinc oxide or titanium dioxide.

### **How Can You Help Protect Coral Reefs?**

It is a fact that regular sunscreen is harming coral reefs. Small changes in your choices and behavior can contribute to preserving these fragile ecosystems, though. Here are a few things you can do.

#### **1 - Use Reef-Safe Sunscreen**

Your first reef-savvy decision – especially when vacationing in reef areas – should be to use a mineral sunscreen containing non-nanoparticles of zinc oxide or titanium dioxide. Some popular beach destinations have even banned the use of chemical sunscreens, so a reef-safe choice might be your only choice anyway.

#### **2 - Avoid Aerosol Sunscreens**

Even if labeled as mineral, most aerosol sunscreens contain nano-sized particles, which are harmful to corals and other marine species.

#### **3 - Use Less Sunscreen Overall**

Beachwear with embedded UV protection factors, such as shirts, shorts, and sunhats can limit the use of sunscreen with up to 90 percent. UV-proof beach tents and umbrellas can also help you limit the use of sunscreen.

Coral reefs are threatened with extinction, and along with them, the entire marine biodiversity. Regular sunscreen is one of the factors that lead to coral bleaching and potentially coral death. A small change in behavior and more environmentally-savvy decisions when choosing your sunblock is the least you can do to limit this potentially catastrophic phenomenon and preserve the beauty of our oceans.

## Youth Education Report

*By Greg Kucharewski*

Everyone had a great time at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament and there was plenty of action on the beach for the Toms River South High School Fishing Indians that took first place for the high school division. The school team was sponsored by NJBBA. Paul Harris and other NJBBA members along with their teachers taught students about fishing and conservation over the course of the school year. The Governor's Surf Fishing tournament is a fun family and it keeps getting better every year.

Visit the NJBBA website to see more photos of students fishing at the tournament. [njbba.org](http://njbba.org)

Second Place: Manasquan High School, Third Place: Columbia High School

Disabled anglers fishing at OBA-1 also enjoyed a day on the beach during the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament.



Many thanks to World Jeep and the volunteers that transported disabled anglers from the pavilion area to the beach and assisted anglers with fishing. Lots of visitors came to say hello to our veterans fishing the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament. We thank Ray Bukowski, DEP Acting Commissioner; Olivia Glenn, Director of Parks and Forestry; and Dave Golden, Acting Director NJ Fish and Wildlife. We appreciate the World Jeep Volunteer Team, Shrewsbury, NJ, Taylor Cook, Cheryl Brown, and TJ Trippe for assisting our disabled veterans to and from the beach. Many thanks go to Bogan's Brielle Bait and Tackle and Tim Burden, and members of the Jersey Shore Surf Casters, Berkley Striper Club, and NJBBA for assisting our veterans.

## FAMILY FUN DAY AND FISHING TOURNAMENT

The 22nd annual Sunshine Foundation Family Fun Day and Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2019. The entire family can enjoy this event at the American Legion Post #493, 420 Radio Road, Little Egg Harbor, NJ. In addition to the awards ceremony for the fishing contest there will be lots of fun for everyone. All the hot dogs, hamburgers and the best pulled pork this side of Memphis you can eat, music and a great gift raffle. For those who don't fish the tournament, the entry to the party is \$15 and children under 12 years of age are free.

The Captain's meeting will be held on Friday evening July 12 at 6:00 p.m. The Captain's meeting will be held at the American Legion Post #493. You have the choice of fishing for Fluke or Bluefish or both. For more information call Tom at 732-267-6451 email: [toms6363@comcast.net](mailto:toms6363@comcast.net)

## 2019 JCAA YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD

The JCAA Youth Education Committee is accepting nominations for the 2019 Youth Education Award. There are many NJ HOFNOD volunteers doing great work to bring successes to the fishing community but sometimes individuals and sport-fishing organizations go above and beyond to make the future of fishing better for our youngsters.

Youth Education Award Criteria: Promoting "Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs (HOFNOD)," Certified HOFNOD instructors, number of fishing or aquatic education events, JCAA lending library usage, and creativity for promoting youth fishing events. Submit your nominations in writing and email to [gkucharews@jcaa.org](mailto:gkucharews@jcaa.org) or bring your nomination to the next JCAA general membership meeting.

## BERKELEY STRIPER CLUB SUMMER FISHING EVENT

You still have time to enter. The Berkeley Striper Club's Youth Education Program is sponsoring a Summer Fishing Fun event in the Island Beach area. Their event runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day. During that time anyone from 14 yrs old and under who weighs a fish or brings in a crab to the Dock Outfitters, Grumpies or Betty and Nick's will be given a goodie bag.

They also will be eligible for a rod and reel or a crabbing outfit if their fish is the largest of the

shop they weigh it at. Look for the flyers at any of participating tackle shops for the rules. Species include: Striped Bass, Bluefish, Fluke, Weakfish and Blue Claw crab.

### FREE CRABBING CONTEST

The Bunker Challenge Crabbing Contest is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, 2019, 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. *Bunker bait **only** (no chicken)*. Bunker will be provided courtesy of Jenkinson's Aquarium. There are two categories, children 12 years old and under and 13 up to adult. No entry fee. The contest will be held at the Mantoloking Bridge County Park, Brick, NJ. For more information, phone 732-506-5122.

### 2019 KIDS WISH'N TO GO FISH'N

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Kids Wish'n to go Fish'n" For Special Needs Children will be held at Ponderosa Estates Farms Lake Julianna, Millstone Township, NJ. We already have our "Play HOOK-e" veterans and member clubs of JCAA registered to come out again and help the special needs youngster's fish.

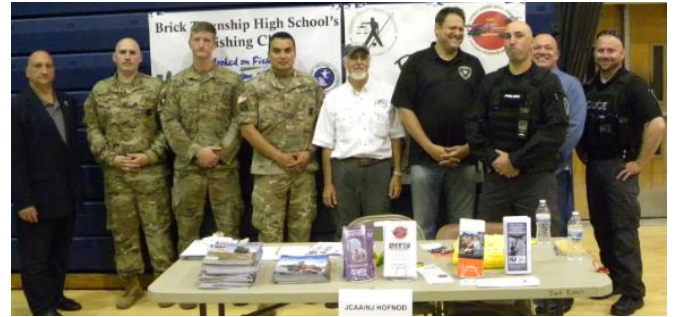
The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm. Special needs children ages 6 to 16 years old are invited to catch and release fish at Lake Julianna. Mr. Cardinale and his team are providing plenty of fun surprises for all special needs children. The event will include a hot dog and hamburger barbeque/pizza lunch for children and their guests, complements of Cardinale Enterprises, LLC.

Local merchants and contributors are providing prizes, goodie bags and t-shirts for girls and boys fishing Lake Julianna's "Kids Wish'n to go Fish'n." All children go home winners. If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile event for special needs children, please contact Don Marantz, JCAA Youth Education Committee at 908-347-1434.

### OPPORTUNITY ROCKS TOMS RIVER

We supported the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office by setting up a learning booth at the RWJ Barnabas Health Arena, Toms River, NJ to support their Youth Resource Fair for youngsters. Students received NJ HOFNOD information and a variety of flyers about fishing programs. We will also meet with

the prosecutor's office to discuss how our Play HOOK-e program can support their veteran program.



### NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM 50th ANNIVERSARY

I just completed my 20th year of supporting the National Youth Sports Program HOFNOD at the University of Toledo. This could not be possible without the help of the Merickel-Farley Trout Club, family members, and friends that come out to teach campers about casting and angling basics. Campers were able to fish on the club's property and catch some good size trout and bass. We thank the Merickel-Farley Trout Club and friends for supporting this event and giving the gift of time to make the event a success. Who knows? I might be back next year....What a great time.

### JCAA Fluke Tournament Results

*By Paul Turi, Tournament Director*

The JCAA 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Fluke Tournament took place on June 15<sup>th</sup> and the Awards Presentations took place on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion Hotel in Toms River, NJ. On behalf of JCAA I'd like to thank all those who participated in the tournament. I'd also like to especially thank our major sponsors, Yamaha, Starcraft, ICOM, The Fisherman Magazine, Fuel Ox, Tica and Costa Sunglasses. I'd also like to thank our three port sponsors for putting up the \$1200 1<sup>st</sup> place prize; Fisherman's Headquarters in Ship Bottom, Liberty Landing Marina in Jersey City and South Harbor Marine in Waretown. I'd also like to thank the many volunteers who helped.

Congratulations to the overall winner of the tournament, Jesse McLean, who walked off with a nice \$10,870 in winnings.

Also congratulations to Tom Murphy of Brick who won the Grand Prize Drawing of the boat, motor & trailer. Below are the tournament results.

## HERE ARE THE WINNERS FOR 2019

\* Denotes \$50 Port Calcutta Winner

\*\* Denotes \$100 Port Calcutta Winner

\$ Denotes \$50 Overall Tournament Calcutta Winner

\$\$ Denotes \$100 Overall Tournament Calcutta Winner

### 1. Jersey City Region

	Name	Hometown	Entry #	Weight	Length
1st	Dawn Jacobson * **	Edgewater NJ	96	5.59	24.87
2nd	Anthony Bellsario	Staten Island , NY	172	5.14	24
3rd	Daniel Cordano	Bayonne, NJ	113	4.25	22.5
4th	Marc M. Atlas	Edgewater, NJ	94	4.25	22
5th	Kim Fisher	Staten Island , NY	164	3.95	22.25
6th	Ed Schaefer Jr.	Edgewater NJ	147	2.65	19
7th	Phil Gatto	Lodi NJ	43	2.49	18
8th	None				
9th	None				
10th	None				

### 2. Sandy Hook Region

	Name	Hometown	Entry #	Weight	Length
1st	Steve R. Kelly *	Jersey City, NJ	118	5.5	25.12
2nd	Mark Capalbo **	Dumont, NJ	14	5.45	24.25
3rd	Eli Mosteller	Medford Lakes, NJ	87	4.66	23
4th	Robert Regan	High Bridge, NJ	180	3.83	22
5th	Pancho Berrea	Dover, NJ	110	3.77	22
6th	Michael Reiner	Fairlawn, NJ	112	3.17	19.75
7th	Robert Drumm Jr.	Fairfield, NJ	179	3.03	20
8th	Adam Schuler	New Tripoli, PA	18	2.62	19
9th	Joseph Pagano	Milltown, NJ	116	2.57	19
10th	None				

### 3. Shark River Inlet Region

	Name	Hometown	Entry #	Weight	Length
1st	Andrew Green *	Ambler, PA	124	5.78	23.75
2nd	Don Marantz **	Clarksburg, NJ	150	5.04	24
3rd	Andy Dudimetz	Brownsville, NJ	97	4.74	22.5
4th	Joe Mariano	Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ	76	4.74	22.5
5th	David Pangaldi	Hamilton, NJ	37	4.53	23.5
6th	Jay Stich	Pendell, PA	184	4.2	22
7th	Emil Clement	Gibbstown, NJ	54	3.65	21
8th	Tom Trembula	Cookstown, NJ	136	3.52	20.6
9th	Lewis Ottrando	Millstone, NJ	26	2.95	20
10th	Jake Linder	Branchburg, NJ	165	2.55	19

### 4. Manasquan River Region

	Name	Hometown	Entry #	Weight	Length
1st	Jesse McLean \$ \$\$ * **	Toms River, NJ	193	8.79	27.75
2nd	Tom Murphy	Wall, NJ	99	6.1	24.25

3rd	Frank Vanderbrock	Old Bridge, NJ	10	4.52	23
4th	Jim Whittaker	Brick, NJ	100	4.52	22.75
5th	Joseph Fedak	Jersey City, NJ	138	3.95	22.25
6th	Brian Keating	Eagleville, PA	186	3.92	21.75
7th	Craig Soltis	Brick, NJ	148	3.75	21.5
8th	Henry Mitska	Southampton, PA	134	3.6	22.5
9th	Martin Kascur	Toms River, NJ	143	3.54	22.5
10th	Stee Materia	Toms River, NJ	15	3.25	20

#### 5. Barnegat Bay Region

	Name	Hometown	Entry #	Weight	Length
1st	Matt Sorrentino * **	Ship Bottom, NJ	188	6.64	24.13
2nd	Anthony Alegre	Forked River, NJ	156	6.6	25
3rd	Marc Heivly	Malvern, PA	62	5.9	25
4th	Brian Cognigni	Burlington, NJ	72	5.23	23.25
5th	Anthony Arcabascio Sr.	Brick, NJ	90	3.79	21
6th	Fred Knott	Wrigstown, NJ	109	3.69	21.25
7th	Christopher Hiros	New Lisbon, NJ	149	3.15	19.5
8th	Jack Farrell	Burlington, NJ	77	2.48	18.87
9th	George R Broome	Forked River, NJ	2	2.35	18.75
10th	None				

#### 6. Long Beach Island Region

	Name	Hometown	Entry #	Weight	Length
1st	Phil Natale Jr. * **	Caldwell, NJ	159	5.83	23.75
2nd	Mike Sorrentino	Browns Mills, NJ	192	4.51	21.25
3rd	Austin Pounds	Long Beach Twp., NJ	142	3.76	21
4th	Ed Evans	South Hampton, NJ	6	2.76	19.37
5th	Ed Lippincott	Columbus, NJ	107	2.71	19.5
6th	Brent Secrist	Hamilton, NJ	151	2.68	19.37
7th	None				
8th	None				
9th	None				
10th	None				

#### 7. Southern Region (GB, OC, AC, CM, Fort)

	Name	Hometown	Entry #	Weight	Length
1st	Tony Mosloskie * **	Essington, PA	5	5.53	23
2nd	Michael Zaleski	Berlin, NJ	182	4.65	21.75
3rd	John Russick	Shamong, NJ	63	4.65	21.75
4th	Mark Sajtlava	Monroeville, NJ	141	4.42	24.25
5th	Roy Trainor	Gibbstown, NJ	177	4.36	22.75
6th	Brian Seitz	Tamaqua, NJ	16	4.17	22
7th	Jeremy Jankowski	Delran, NJ	102	4	21.5
8th	John Hutchins	Media, PA	183	3.62	21.5
9th	Len Caslin	New Gretna, NJ	24	3.37	21.25
10th	George Gaudlap	Browns Mills, NJ	117	3.24	2