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JCAA REGULAR MEETING

February 22, 2022 via Zoom Meeting

Starting at 7:30 PM

NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 10th, 2022

Via Zoom Meeting

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IMPORTANT DATES

March 2nd–6th Progressive AC Boat Show

March 10th JCAA Board Meeting

March 18th–20th Progressive Saltwater Fishing Expo

March 29th JCAA General Meeting

March 28th–30th NOAA REC Summit

April 14th JCAA Board Meeting

May 15th Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament

June 11th JCAA Fluke Tournament

June 17th JCAA Tournament Awards Ceremony

President's Report

By Mark Taylor

I am proud to be selected and elected to be President of JCAA. We are in the middle of show season and everyone is getting the itch for that spring season and the start of another season of fishing. People are attending the shows looking for deals and new tackle, and some may even purchase a new boat. JCAA is planning on being at the Atlantic City Boat Show and The Saltwater Fishing Expo.

JCAA is currently selling raffle tickets to our High Roller Raffle. We will be selling them at the booths at the shows so stop by and purchase a few while supporting JCAA who is always fighting for the recreational community, for conservation and the environment. We are looking for more individuals that are willing to get involved and willing to volunteer at JCAA show booths. I have noticed that there has been less and less of the recreational community getting involved in fisheries issues but complain if it is not to their liking or they just don't know what they are talking about. Even during the show season and throughout the entire year there is always something going on with fisheries, from reading large documents, understanding the content, discussing with others, preparing comment letters, attending hearings. If you are a dedicated individual and care for the future of a sport you love, you should get more

involved. There are many organized fishing clubs out there. You should look into joining one. One of my main items as president this year is to get those people more involved. JCAA will be reaching out to these clubs to get them more involved in the process and understanding it. If you are an individual interested in joining a club or a club that would like JCAA to come and talk to you, just contact me at mtsport64@aol.com. I will do my best to make this happen.

Just a reminder that JCAA is in the process of setting up other JCAA events throughout this year. Some of these events are our statewide Annual Fluke Tournament made up of 7 Regions, The High Roller Raffle and Sportsman of the Year Dinner to name a few. I would like to see these events become a huge success and this can only be done with you. As the dates are made official they will be released and published. I hope to see many of you at these events and get more involved in the process.

2022 Show Time is Just Around the Corner

By Mark Taylor

Jersey Coast Angler Association (JCAA) has contracts signed and planning on having a booth at two major shows in 2022. 2022 Progressive Atlantic City Boat Show (March 2nd to 6th) will be the first one followed by 2022 Progressive Saltwater Fishing Expo (March 18th to 20th). I will be looking for volunteers to work the JCAA Booths at both shows. I will be contacting people that have worked the shows in the past as well. JCAA will be taken every precaution that we can for the volunteers that work the booth. There will be hand sanitizer, masks, gloves to use and a booth protocol document at the booth which must be followed. If you have something that you personally would like to bring with you and use it is perfectly alright. The safety of the dedicated individuals that volunteer is very important to JCAA. Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) had a rough year with our fundraiser as did everyone else during the COVID pandemic. What this Association as well as clubs, individuals and others continue to fight for by supplying their educated input for the fair share and protecting the fisheries for the future continues to be challenging. JCAA as well as others need to raise fund

for this fight. If you are looking to volunteer at one or both of these great events, please contact Mark A. Taylor at mtsport64@aol.com or text your name and which show you can help to 732-245-9445. Looking to hear from you and see you at the shows.

2022 Progressive Atlantic City Boat Show

March 2-6, 2022

Atlantic City Convention Center

1 Convention Blvd, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

<https://www.acboatshow.com/>

2022 Progressive Saltwater Fishing Expo

March 18-20, 2022

New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center

97 Sunfield Ave, Edison, NJ 08837

<https://saltwater.sportshows.com/>

Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

By Tom Fote

As you can see in the article below, we are going to public hearings about the new striped bass amendment. The date, time and place for the NJ public hearing are below. I don't have room in this month's newspaper to include all the information from the ASMFC winter meeting. The summaries and motions are in this article, and you can listen to the actual board meetings if you want. If you want to see striped bass managed differently, it is up to you to attend the public hearings and make your concerns known. If you are on the line listening to the webinar, I need to hear your comments. That will help me share your concerns with others. I hear strongly from the people who want to catch and release only but not from those of you who want to take a striped bass home to eat. It is important I hear from all sides. This is not a good time to be the silent majority. There are many more hearings coming but you can sign up at the ASMFC website to get all their press releases. The joint ASMFC & MAFMC meeting summary is also below and as usual they further restricted the recreational needlessly over my objections. There were almost no recreational anglers on the webinar to speak out against it. If you listen to the meetings you can see what I am talking about. We dig our own holes by not being involved.

The Press releases, meeting summaries and motions from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's 2022 Winter Meeting Webinar are now available at [this link](#). The document can also be obtained on the Commission website on the [Meeting Archives page](#). The majority of presentations and audio files from this week's meetings has also been posted and are available [here](#) (under the respective Board header). The remaining files will be posted on Monday.

States Schedule Public Hearings for Atlantic Striped Bass Amendment

*NJ Hearing Monday, March 14,
Webinar Hearing 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.*

The Atlantic coastal states of Maine through Virginia have scheduled hearings to gather public input on the Atlantic Striped Bass Draft Amendment 7. Some hearings will be conducted via webinar and some hearings will be conducted in person. To register for a virtual hearing, please [click here](#).

The Draft Amendment is available here or via the Commission's website. All those interested in the management of Atlantic striped bass are encouraged to provide input either by participating in public hearings, which may be conducted via webinar, or providing written comment.

The Draft Amendment is available at [this link](#). Written public comment will be accepted until 11:59 PM (EST) on April 15 and should be sent to Emilie Franke, FMP Coordinator, at 1050 N. Highland St., Suite 200 A-N, Arlington, Virginia 22201; 703.842.0741 (fax) or at comments@asmfc.org (Subject line: Draft Amendment 7).

Joint MAFMC and ASMFC: Reconsideration of 2022 Black Sea Bass Recreational Management

Meeting Summary, February 8, 2022

To see all the motions and who made them go to [this link](#).

Meeting Summary

In December 2021, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and the Atlantic

States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board (Board) [jointly approved](#) a 28% reduction in coastwide black sea bass harvest compared to the 2018-2021 average. This reduction was deemed necessary to prevent exceeding the 2022 recreational harvest limit (RHL). They also jointly agreed to use the conservation equivalency process to waive federal waters measures and allow states to work together as regions to develop measures to collectively reduce harvest to prevent a 2022 RHL overage.

The Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Technical Committee (TC) met several times in January 2022 to develop an agreed upon methodology for states to use when developing regional proposals for recreational black sea bass measures. The TC considered methodologies for identifying and smoothing outlier recreational harvest estimates at the state, wave, and mode level for 2018-2021. As a result of this analysis, the TC recommended a modified coastwide harvest reduction target of 24% but agreed that reductions ranging from 20.7% to 26.8% could be justified based on its outlier analysis.

At the Board-only meeting hosted on the Council's February Meeting webinar, the Board met to review TC recommendations and approved a revised harvest reduction target of 20.7% to be used by regions when developing proposals for 2022 recreational measures for black sea bass. States within each region are now expected to work collectively to develop measures which are designed to achieve this coastwide reduction in harvest to meet, but not exceed, the 2022 recreational harvest limit of 6.74 million pounds. The Board will meet again in mid-March to review regional proposals. The exact date for the meeting has not yet been set; the details of which will be released when they become available.

The Board also approved non-preferred coastwide measures, which were modified to reflect the revised harvest reduction target of 20.7% and are intended to be waived in favor of regional measures that would collectively prevent an RHL overage. The revised non-preferred coastwide measures include a 14-inch minimum size limit, a 5 fish possession limit, and an open season of May 15-October 8. The Council and Board's December 2021 recommendation for precautionary default measures, consisting of a 16-

inch minimum size, a 3 fish possession limit, and an open season of June 24-December 31, remained unchanged. These measures are intended to be implemented in any state or region that does not put forward a proposal that can be approved by the Board through the Commission's conservation equivalency process.

For more information, please contact Dustin Colson Leaning, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at dleaning@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.

Council & ISFMP Policy Board: Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework/Addenda

Meeting Summary, February 8, 2022

The Council and the Commission's Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy Board (Policy Board) met to review the range of alternatives in the Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework/Draft Addenda. The goal of this proposed action is to establish a process for setting recreational bag, size, and season limits for summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, and bluefish such that measures aim to prevent overfishing, are reflective of stock status, appropriately account for uncertainty in the recreational data, take into consideration angler preferences, and provide an appropriate level of stability and predictability in changes from year to year. The options under consideration include various methods to allow for greater stability in measures and more explicit consideration of stock status when setting the measures compared to the current process.

The Council and Policy Board requested that the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) provide a qualitative evaluation of the potential effect of each of the five primary options in this proposed action on the SSC's assessment and application of risk and uncertainty in determining acceptable biological catch levels. The intent is to provide the Council and Policy Board with information to consider the tradeoffs among the different alternatives with respect to the relative risk of overfishing, increasing uncertainty, fishery stability, and the likelihood of reaching or remaining at the target biomass level.

The Policy Board approved its [draft addenda](#) for public comment, with public hearings to take place in the coming months. The Commission will distribute a press release on the Draft Addenda's availability and public hearing schedule once the hearing details have been finalized.

For more information, please contact Toni Kerns, Policy Director, at tkerns@asmfc.org.

The Silver Lining under the Surface of Offshore Wind Power

*By Capt. Paul Eidman
Forage Fish & Habitat Committee Chairman*

Because of climate change, ocean water temperatures have been rising for decades, and warmer water is forcing gamefish and other marine creatures to move eastward and northward into deeper and colder waters.

Surf and Quahog clams and scallops have all moved further away from the bottom areas they used to prefer. Lobsters that were taken south of Long Island are shifting northward and moving closer into Atlantic Canada. Black sea bass have been migrating north for years. All of us working and fishing on the water are seeing drastic changes before our eyes, happening faster than we can adapt.

In addition to warming waters, the Atlantic is becoming more acidic as higher carbon dioxide is changing the pH of seawater. Ocean acidification directly affects the calcium levels in the shells of creatures such as mussels, oysters, scallops, and clams. Increased acidity also affects the inner ear bones of certain finfish that directly impacts homing instincts for migration and spawning. Lobster studies have shown that acidification is causing them to have increased vulnerability due to "dull" senses and predators are taking full advantage of this. If you have heard of "bleaching" of coral reefs all over the world, this is also caused by acidification. Any fisherman who has fished in the Caribbean knows that tropical shallow-water coral reefs are the "bread and butter" of fisheries habitat at these latitudes, and fishing, diving tourism and food production depend heavily on them. In fact, it's estimated that acidification alone could

cost the global economy \$1 trillion per year in damage to fisheries, aquaculture, and reefs.

Fortunately, there is something we can do to slow down the twin dangers of seawater warming and acidification. After years of anticipation, consultation and public input, the prospect of clean energy has arrived in the form of offshore wind generating renewable electricity. Hundreds of turbine towers are to be built and will be producing energy by 2025, expanding to over a thousand by 2030 on the continental shelf along the East Coast.

At the foundation of many of these generators will be an 80-foot diameter radius of football-sized granite rocks (erosion protection) surrounding a 30-foot diameter steel tower that extends off the seafloor through the water column and up into the sky.

One turbine at a time, the day these turbines are installed will be the birthday of an individual artificial reef, built in barren areas. In a matter of months, mussels and other invertebrates will colonize the new structure and, in turn, forage fish, gamefish and predators of all kinds will flock to this newly formed reef system.

What is currently barren seafloor, tormented by decades of bottom trawling and dredging will be converted into a massive artificial reef system that will run down the east coast. Without a doubt, we will witness a fish factory growing in front of our eyes, with mega scale “fish aggregating devices” (FAD’s) creating a vital habitat that’s both home and nursery for fish production. Increasing habitat for forage and gamefish species that inhabit the entire water column is the key to rebuilding fish stocks, especially at a time when so many of our species are diminishing.

BOTH Recreational and commercial fishermen will directly benefit from these new reefs in the very near future.

Recreational anglers recognize the benefits of how clean energy from offshore wind power can help to put the brakes on the climate related damage done to gamefish species. As fishermen, we are pre-wired with a “find the structure find the fish” mindset and see a giant “win-win”. With full access to every structure, we are excited about the potential, not only that the structures will hold the fish longer along our coast, but to enhance the predictability and potential catches of bottom fish like summer flounder (fluke), black sea bass, tautog, cod and more. Bluefish, all types of tuna, bonito and mahi mahi will congregate and feed further up the tower.

There is already talk of adding well-designed turbine reef enhancement on top of the scour protection rock to enhance fishing and to improve fish stocks. Behind the scenes, we have been talking about the developer decommissioning process 25 years from now. We are working towards an implementation of the “rigs to reef” program (just like in the Gulf of Mexico) to ensure that after decades of ecosystem enhancement, these valuable reefs can be retained, and locations shared with fishermen and divers.

The five turbines at the Block Island wind farm in Rhode Island have been in the water as a prototype since 2016 and have quickly become a fishing hotspot destination for anglers seeking all kinds of gamefish in all seasons. And, more recently, the two new turbines placed by Dominion Energy last summer twenty-seven miles off Virginia Beach have also become an instant fish magnet, as recently witnessed by divers in just a few months after installation.

While they haven’t joined publicly in solidarity, there are other sectors of the commercial fishing world that quietly see the newfound structure as predictable hotspots to help them as well. Family-owned smaller commercial vessels that fish with static gear and provide local sustainable seafood for market (think black sea bass, blackfish, lobster, monkfish, etc.) will be the first to set gear near these foundations and thrive. We have already seen this occur on the 13 artificial reefs here off New Jersey that were intended for the recreational sector and spent a decade getting “the pots off the reefs”. These new turbine reefs will clearly be added to the hotspot list of new nearshore fishing destinations, supporting smaller, less-damaging methods of commercial fishing that don’t resort to expansive bottom trawling.

The old proverb ‘A lie will go round the world while the truth is pulling its boots on’ has never been more applicable. Nowadays, in the sea of social media and political overtones, false claims against offshore wind travel at light speed and getting solid information out is incredibly challenging.

One FACT that we can’t ignore is that continuing to burn coal, fuel oil and natural gas for electric power at the current rate will ruin our oceans and the creatures in it. Climate change is an undeniable threat to recreational fishing.

Looking at the many ways responsibly developed offshore wind power will improve the ocean, we are hopeful that it will benefit fisheries production sustainably for generations to come.

Pollution free energy from offshore wind turbines offers us a solution that can help to slow down some of the most serious issues facing all fishermen. Offshore wind power could enhance and bring new life to our coastal ecosystems and economy if we just give it a chance.

JCAA High Roller Raffle

By Paul Haertel

JCAA now has its Hi Roller Raffle tickets on sale. We will be giving away prizes that have a total value exceeding \$2500. We will be selling them at the AC Boat Show, the Saltwater Fishing Expo and also by mail. This is one of our major fundraisers so please help us out if you can. Stop by our booth to buy a few or just say hello and talk fishing.

To purchase tickets by mail, make out a check to JCAA and mail it to: JCAA, 1594 Lakewood Rd., Unit 13, Toms River, NJ. 08755. We can fill out the ticket stubs for you and mail them to you or we can mail you books of tickets and you may fill them out and return them to us with your payment. Either way is fine and we appreciate your anticipated support. We also accept PayPal and credit cards. For more information call our office at 732-506-6565. Please leave a message if no one answers and we will get back to you.

New Jersey Amin. Code § 13:47-8.7

Location:

**At the JCAA office located at:
1594 Lakewood Rd., Unit 13,
Toms River, NJ 08755**

Drawing Date: **August 12, 2022 at 7:30 pm**

NJLGCCCC Identification: **#475-4-32152**

Municipal Raffle License: **#9265**

Beneficiary: **Jersey Coast Anglers Association**

Price of Ticket: **\$2 each, 3 for \$5, or a book of 7 for \$10**

List of Prizes (*retail values*)

1. Jersey Nutz Six Man Charter (6 hour, 6 man inshore weekday charter) – **\$1100, Donated by Captains Robert and Cody Melton**

2. \$500 gift Certificate from Fisherman's Headquarters – **\$500, Donated by Fisherman's Headquarters**
3. St. Croix Triumph 10' TSRS100M2 Spinning Rod/Penn Spinfisher V 650LL Headquarters – **\$250, Donated by JCAA**
4. Shimano Tallus 7' TLC70M Conv. Rod/Montauk Cerebus CER210 Headquarters – **\$233, Donated by JCAA**
5. Collection of Custom Striper Plugs Headquarters – **\$200, Donated by Various Plug Builders**
6. Tica 9' UEHA4290025 Spinning Rod/ Tica Galant 4500 Reel Headquarters – **\$155, Donated by Tica**
7. Tsunami 7' TSTSS702M Spinning Rod/Tsunami Shield TSSHD4000 Reel Headquarters – **\$154, Donated by Bimini Bay Outfitters**

***Note:** No substitution of the offered prize may be made and no cash will be given in lieu of the prize.*

JCAA Membership Report

By John Toth

Please pay your club dues for 2022. Club membership forms have been sent out and along with your dues payment, please fill out the information requested such as the name of your president, treasurer and who will be your club's representative (s) at the JCAA General Membership meetings that are held on the last Tuesday of every month.

Several JCAA clubs have sent in their dues and they are: **Delaware Shad Fisherman's Association, Manasquan Fishing Club, Jersey Coast Shark Anglers, Hudson River Fishermen's Association, and the Seaside Heights Fishing Club. THANK YOU!**

As previously reported, we have developed a PowerPoint presentation to present to member clubs about what the JCAA is all about and the issues it is involved with. We may need a few tweaks with it, but we want to show it to clubs. Let me know if you are interested in seeing it and I will get in contact with you. I can be reached at (732) 656-0139 or at tothjohn@verizon.net.

I was scheduled to give an in-person presentation (not a PowerPoint one) to the Manasquan

Fishing Club on February 4th. I was going to be at their club, but the weather turned very nasty with warnings that the roads would be treacherous with black ice. Governor Murphy issued a warning to stay off the roads. The Manasquan Fishing Club decided to change their meeting to a virtual one and it was a very good decision on their part. I think it went well and it was a pleasure to meet with them! For this meeting, a virtual meeting, not in-person, was the way to go!

Youth Education Report

By Greg Kucharewski

NJ HOFNOD FUNDING

Please mention to your clubs that we would like to continue our efforts to increase funds for NJ HOFNOD. We are asking you write to your legislators. The importance of properly funding NJ HOFNOD is essential to provide needed funds to expand NJ HOFOD. The bill appropriates \$450,000 to the Department of Environmental Protection to fund the cost of implementing the Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs Program. The money would be appropriated from the "Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund," a statutory account established to receive fines and penalties from convicted drug offenders that are used to support state-authorized drug and alcohol abuse abatement programs. The bill encourages the Legislature to appropriate sufficient funding annually from the "Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund" or any other appropriate source to maintain the operation of the program in future years.

If you would like to become a certified NJ HOFNOD instructor, please contact Liz Jackson, NJ DEP Division of Fish & Wildlife, Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs, 605 Pequest Road, Oxford, NJ 07683, 908-637-4125 x122 or visit the [NJ HOFNOD website](#) to view a group near you.

OPENING DAY NJ TROUT SEASON

New Jersey's Opening Day of Trout Season this year is Saturday, April 9, and the Division of Fish and Wildlife will again be celebrating by hosting a special event at the Pequest Trout Hatchery in Oxford. The Division would be honored if Veterans and their families would join Division staff at the hatchery for a

morning of camaraderie and fishing at the Pequest fishing education pond. The day will begin with check-in at the Education Pond starting at 7:30 a.m. followed by the kick-off of trout season at 8:00 a.m. Fishing will conclude at Noon.



NEW JERSEY
BROOK TROUT

**Veterans Honored
Opening Day**

Register and read the agenda [here](#). Pre-registration is required and closes March 25 since there is a limit on the number of participants for the event. Email Jessica Griglak at jessica.griglak@dep.nj.gov for more information.

31st ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

The 31st Annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament (GSFT) will be held at Island Beach State Park on Sunday, May 15, 2022. Get ready to enter the largest surf fishing tournament along the Jersey Shore. Don't miss a day of family fishing fun! View a brochure about the tournament [here](#). Admission to the park is FREE for the tournament.

This is the time to start preparing your fish catching strategies so that you can catch a trophy fish that will win the 2022 Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament and win PRIZES. If you catch the largest fish, your name will be inscribed on the Governor's Cup, with previous winners and displayed at the IBSP for all to see. High school fishing clubs, along with other school-based fishing teams will have a chance to win the high school team competition trophy and it will be on display. This year, Yamaha Motors has joined us to setup an outdoor booth to support the tournament and provide promotional items for the high school fishing teams and disabled veterans.

If you are a novice angler and plan to fish the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament always prepare before the event and you will increase your chances of catching fish. Spend time looking over your

equipment and making sure it is in workable condition. A week before the tournament visit a local tackle dealer and ask where fish are being caught and purchase items you might need. Tackle shops are usually extremely busy the day before and morning of the tournament. View online fishing reports to get an idea of what fish are biting on. Review NJ saltwater rules and regulations or pick up a copy at the tackle shop to know size limits.

The following equipment checklist will get you started: Check rods for loose guides, be sure the reel seat tightens properly on the reel, check for cracks in rod by guide feet, look for grooves and cracks in ceramic guides and tip top guide. Reels- lubrication, is the roller guide clean and working smoothly, inspect the drag system, bail springs, check all movable parts, handle, and if needed replace and discard line properly.

Suggested list of what you might need to fish if you walk to your location on the beach. Surf bag with prepared assorted baits & soft cooler pack, terminal tackle for targeted fish - sinkers, hooks, snaps/swivels, etc., Lure assortment, casting metal/jigs - small variety of swimming, diving, surface poppers that mimic local bait. Other gear - pliers w/line cutter, knife, measuring tape to record catch and release, dry bag for camera/phone, waders/boots, foul weather gear, extra small first aid kit, water, sunscreen, sunglasses, cap, sand spikes, stringer/plastic bag, and a towel. Packing your fishing equipment in advance will allow you to carry everything compactly. If you must walk to another fishing location, it is especially important to pack your fishing gear, so you can move easily through the sand.

We would like to remind our physically challenged anglers that there is an area at OBA 1 with beach wheelchairs available. Anglers that are not able to walk in the sand can now get to the water and try surf fishing. The JCAA Youth Education Committee is helping novice and physically challenged anglers at the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament. World Jeep – Chrysler – Dodge - Ram, Shrewsbury, NJ will assist physically challenged anglers with a NEW 2022 4x4 VIP vehicle to transport anglers that will be fishing the reserved area in front of OBA 1. Members of the Vietnam Veterans of America (Chapter 12) and

volunteer anglers from various fishing clubs will also aid 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 vkucharews@jcaa.org.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM COMPETITION 31st ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

High school fishing teams are gearing up for the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament; five students per team plus a high school representative must go with each high school team. The Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament Committee is encouraging high school fishing clubs, along with other school-based fishing teams to get ready for the Annual Governor's Cup School team competition. If you know a school team that would like to register for this event, please email Karen Byrne at: karen.byrne@dep.nj.gov. To register your High School Team follow instructions at this [link](#).

Please visit the JCAA Website for updates and don't forget to [register](#) for the Free NJ Saltwater Recreational Registry Program.

SUPPORT LOCAL TACKLE DEALERS

Do not wait until the fish are biting to have rod and reel repairs done. February and March are the perfect months to get your equipment ready for fishing. Shop local and visit our [tackle dealers list](#) for veteran discounts.