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"WORKING FOR MARINE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS"

JCAA REGULAR MEETING

September 30th, 2025, 7:30pm

Jersey Coast Shark Anglers Building
385 Herbertsville Rd, Brick, NJ 08724

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Thursday, October 9th

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IMPORTANT DATES

September 30th JCAA General Meeting

October 9th JCAA Board Meeting

October 26th-28th ASMFC Annual Meeting

October 28th JCAA General Meeting

November 8th JCAA Sportsperson Dinner

November 13th JCAA Board Meeting

JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner

By John Toth

Save the date! Our **Sportsperson of the Year Dinner** is going to be held on **Saturday evening on November 8th**. Once again, the dinner will be held starting at **5:00 p.m.** at the **Captain's Inn** located at 304 E Lacey Rd., Forked River, NJ. This is a dinner you don't want to miss, just ask anyone who has attended over the last three years what they thought of it. It's going to be a great event again this year. This sit-down dinner starts at 5 PM with Cocktail hour. Appetizers will include bacon wrapped scallops, mini crab cakes, calamari and pigs in the blanket. A cheese and cracker platter along with bruschetta and toast will also be placed at each table. That will be followed by a dinner beginning with a house salad and stuffed shells with vodka sauce. Then you will have your choice of 4 entrees, prime rib, a broiled seafood combo, chicken marsala and salmon pecan. All entrees will come with potatoes and vegetables. Finally, dessert will consist of Tartufo & mini pastries. Coffee, tea and soda are also included. There will be a cash bar.

We will have approximately **50 Door Prizes, 60 Tricky Tray** prizes, and silent auctions along with a huge 50/50 for the lucky winner We will have a lot of really nice prizes including some for the ladies. We are requesting that our member clubs and individuals donate something for our raffle and/or our silent auction, or perhaps a bottle for our basket of cheer or even tackle that you have not used but is still in great shape. To make a donation, please contact **Don**

Marantz at (908) 347-1434. Tickets are \$100 per person. **John Toth** will be handling the ticket sales as well as the seating arrangements this year. John can be reached at tothjohn@verizon.net or at (732) 656-0139. If John cannot be reached, please contact Mickey Sherry at marcandiori@gmail.com or (732) 421-6668. John may be on vacation for several days in October.

The price for the dinner is **\$100 per person** to keep pace with the rising cost of food. This dinner is a fundraiser for the JCAA for it to continue protecting the rights of all anglers who fish in New Jersey.

Also, there are 4 entrees to choose from and please ask your members which of these entrees they want to have as their dinner selection. Please provide me with this information so that I can pass it on to the Captain's Inn so that they can know how much food to prepare for each entrée.

Nominations for the Sportsman of the Year will be made at the JCAA's General Membership Meeting on September 30th. Start **NOW** to think of who from your club should be nominated to receive this prestigious award!

When writing up your nomination, please do not write several pages for it. Present your nomination in just a few paragraphs and focus on the major points about why your club member should receive the award. When we meet in September to hear your nomination, the reading of a few paragraphs will make your nomination easier to comprehend to our membership than reading several pages of it.

President's Report

By Mark Taylor

As this article is being prepared, the fishing seasons are shifting from summer to autumn, prompting recreational anglers to refocus their efforts and prepare tackle for targeting new species in the coming months. It is important not to overlook critical matters such as fishery meetings, which have direct implications for our recreational regulations. I have referenced these meetings in previous articles and email alerts.

Participation in these meetings—either by attending in person, submitting comments as an individual or club, or engaging through other means—is vital. I recognize that reviewing data and regulatory information provided by organizations such as NOAA, ASMFC, MAFMC, and NJDEP can be challenging. This is why the JCAA, local fishing clubs, and related groups make every effort to attend as many meetings as

possible, although it requires significant commitment. Individual involvement and mutual support within our community are invaluable.

Currently, the main focus is Atlantic Striped Bass Addendum III of Amendment 7 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan. The process has involved several meetings, including a recent public hearing held in New Jersey on Tuesday, September 16 at Stafford Township Fire Company, 133 Stafford Ave, Manahawkin. For those unable to attend and interested in learning more, further information is available at [this link](#).

The JCAA Striped Bass Committee convened an emergency hybrid meeting for member clubs on Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:30 PM. The in-person component was held at the Jersey Coast Shark Anglers Facility. During the meeting, JCAA Chairperson Paul Haertel systematically reviewed each option included in the Atlantic Striped Bass Addendum III. Attendees engaged in a comprehensive discussion, with the primary goal of ensuring that JCAA member clubs are well-informed and prepared to select their preferred options prior to the formal vote on the JCAA Position at the General Meeting scheduled for September 30th. The meeting provided valuable insight for all participants.

The meeting on September 30th at 7:30 pm is going to be an important one for your club representative to attend. We will be voting on a few items. As I mentioned, a formal vote on JCAA position on Atlantic Striped Bass Addendum III and the 2025 JCAA Sportsman of the Year.

The Annual JCAA Sportsman of the Year Dinner will take place on **November 8th** at the Captain's Inn in Forked River. This distinguished event recognizes the 2025 JCAA Sportsman of the Year as well as the Youth Education Award recipients for their valuable contributions. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a tricky tray raffle, a 50/50 raffle, and a silent auction featuring a variety of items. Included in the newsletter below is a formal nomination for Stan and Greg Cudnik submitted by the Village Harbour Fishing club. For further information, please read Dinner Chairperson John Toth's article or contact him directly at (732) 656-0138.

With respect to membership, saltwater fishing clubs or individuals can contact JCAA Membership Secretary **John Toth** at (732) 656-0138 or tothjohn@verizon.net for details. Member clubs should provide updated information and dues to ensure proper meetings and fishery alerts.

Staying informed and involved is essential for those interested in supporting their local fishing community. Participation may include attending meetings, volunteering at events, or discussing relevant issues with others. Organizations such as JCAA are active in advocating for regulatory measures and resource management that impact recreational fishing. Community engagement can help address challenges and contribute to the maintenance of this activity. For more information, contact (732) 245-9445 or email mtsport64@aol.com.

JCAA is currently seeking new office space. As a 501(c)(3) association, we would appreciate any recommendations regarding available locations. If you have information or suggestions, please contact us at (732) 245-9445 or via email at mtsport64@aol.com.

*Participate in the Community, Communicate Your Views,
and Contribute to the Future of Recreational Fishing*

Important Info: The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for **October 28th** at 7:30pm, held in person at 385 Herbertsville Rd., Brick, NJ 08724 with a zoom meeting invite (Hybrid Meeting).

**Village Harbour Fishing Club
Nominates Stan and Greg Cudnik
for JCAA Sportsperson of the Year**



September 11, 2025

The JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Award celebrates exceptional achievement, dedication, and integrity in sports. This prestigious accolade is intended to recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding performance, sportsmanship, and leadership within their sporting discipline over the past year. The award not only promotes excellence but also

highlights the values that contribute to the holistic development of athletes and the sporting community at large.

Here are some reasons why Fisherman's Headquarters owners, Stan and his son Greg Cudnik, should receive this award. The Jersey Coast Anglers Association has been a recipient of the generosity of Fisherman's Headquarters many times over the years. Stan and Greg were the first business to advertise in the JCAA Newspaper, and they've continued to advertise with JCAA for over 35 years. They were also the first to come aboard as a port sponsor for the JCAA Fluke Tournament, and for the 27 years the tournament has been in existence. Stan and Greg have also been very generous in supplying the top prize for a high rollers raffle and consistently support signing letters for environmental and fisheries issues.

In addition, both were the first ones to sign up supporting JCAA's effort to make striped bass a game fish in New Jersey, including going up against other organizations and tackle shops that weren't supporting the game fish effort. Fisherman's Headquarters has always been involved in fisheries and environmental issues, and that has continued since they opened their tackle store in 1985. Their generosity also extends to many fishing clubs and organizations in the New Jersey area, and Greg in particular has become more involved in fisheries issues and serves both as an advisor and attending meetings whenever he can. Fisherman's Headquarters, like JCAA, focus not just on the present, but more importantly, on what the future holds. For their continued loyalty and support, the Village Harbour Fishing Club strongly recommends their receipt of this prestigious award.

Signed, the Board of Directors of the Village Harbour Fishing Club (Manahawkin NJ).

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JCAA Public Comment on Proposed NESE Pipeline



Jersey Coast Anglers Association
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September 21, 2025

Public Comment on the Proposed NESE Pipeline

The proposed 26-inch diameter natural gas pipeline, stretching 23.3 miles across Sandy Hook/Raritan Bay and continuing another 17.3 miles to Rockaway, NY, poses a severe threat to our marine ecosystems and coastal communities.

Construction would cause major disruption to all marine life within the bay, including essential habitats for the Hudson River stock of striped bass. This population, now the predominant source of striped bass for NY–NJ Bight anglers since the Chesapeake Bay decline, is critical to both our ecosystem and coastal economy. Disturbing migratory route to the upriver spawning grounds at the mouth of the Hudson River would have devastating long-term consequences for fisheries, recreational anglers, and commercial interests alike. Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon, primary forage fish like the depleted River herring and American Shad, also spawn upriver.

Importantly, New Jersey and its citizens would receive **zero benefit** from this project. We would bear only the risks: construction impacts on our waters, degradation of marine habitat, and ongoing air pollution from the many diesel-powered compressor stations required along the route. Clean air and clean water go hand in hand—pollution from these facilities falls back on our waters as acid rain, heavy metals, and other contaminants that harm fish, wildlife, and the livelihoods of those who depend on healthy marine resources. As fishermen, we cannot ignore this direct threat to the very resource we work to protect.

We urge Governor Murphy to **Vote NO** and reject this harmful and unnecessary project.

This proposal also highlights the hypocrisy of New York State's energy policy. New York has banned fracking within its borders and set a 2040 zero-emissions goal, yet this pipeline is designed to transport fracked gas from Pennsylvania and elsewhere through New Jersey, solely to benefit New York consumers. New Jersey should not be asked to sacrifice its waters, fisheries, and air quality for a project that runs counter to both states' climate commitments.

Governor Murphy, we ask you to stand with New Jersey communities, protect our fisheries and marine ecosystems, and uphold our clean energy future by denying approval for the NESE pipeline.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Submit your Comments on the Striper Addendum

By Paul Haertel

Based on the special JCAA striped bass committee meeting held recently, we will almost certainly support status quo. However, that position will not be formally adopted until our general membership meeting coming up this Tuesday, September 30th. However, we encourage everyone to let their opinions be heard regardless of whether you agree with us or not. Here are some ways to comment. The easiest way may be to click on the link to the survey and simply answer the questions.

The public is encouraged to submit comments regarding the proposed management options in this document at any time during the addendum process. The **final date that comments will be accepted is Friday, October 3 at 11:59 pm EST**. Comments may be submitted by mail, email or online. If you have any questions or would like to submit comments, please submit them via any of the ways listed below:

- **Mail:** Emilie Franke, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, 1050 N. Highland St., Suite 200A-N, Arlington, VA 22201
- **Email:** Send to comments@asmfc.org with subject line: *Striped Bass Draft Addendum III*
- **Online** via the [public comment form](#)
- **Online** via [comment box](#)

Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

By Tom Fote

Striped Bass

As Paul Haertel stated in the article just above, at the General Meeting on Tuesday night, JCAA will be voting on a position on Striped Bass. Once that position is voted on, we will get the press release out to the clubs so they can write letters to ASMFC. There are numerous ways to submit public comments as the article indicates before the deadline this Friday.

Killer Balloons

Over the years I have written about the problems with balloon releases. I hate to mention how many balloons I have seen floating in the water. There is an article below from a farmer telling how he finds the balloons all over his fields. We have known for a long time that the balloons kill all types of marine life, but we have not been able to get the NJ Legislature to take action. I will be recommending to JCAA that we get a sponsor to a bill in the next legislative session to ban balloon releases. In addition, any store that sells helium balloons must attach an advisory stating they should not be released and include information about the damage done to wildlife. We know plastics are not only dangerous to marine life but to humans as well when they disintegrate and leave their residue behind. We will be reaching out all the other NGOs to make this a high priority. This is long overdue. Please read the article.

Make New Jersey More Affordable, Safer & Resilient

Curtis Fisher has been reaching out to me to get involved in legislation that will tax the polluters from

the oil companies that have known they were contributing to climate change. This money will go for a number of items that will include fisheries research and habitat protection. It will also be funded to protect against future Sandys. The federal government has been cutting back on FEMA and funding for climate resilience projects. EPA and NOAA had to eliminate any references to climate change in any project. I am not sure there will be any money for clean-up or rebuilding after another Sandy. For these reasons I am supporting the legislation, and I want JCAA to get on board. I have been doing this through Clean Water Action and other groups, but it would be good to JCAA's name to this legislation. We could also ask NJ State Federation of Sportsmens Clubs and NJ Outdoor Alliance. We need the funding to mitigate the impact on all of our natural resources. Please read fact sheet #1 and fact sheet #2 provided by Curtis Fisher. Curtis has volunteered to any group that has questions.

ASMFC Annual Meeting

The ASMFC Annual meeting will be held at the Hyatt Place, Dewey Beach, Delaware, October 27 – 30. I will go to Dewey Beach to see what happens with striped bass and attend other meetings. If I attend the meetings in person, I will have an opportunity to talk to commissioners from other states.

The Commission is not following their procedures as we set them up under the Atlantic Coast Conservation Act. I understand that once a document goes to public hearing, the Commission feels there is no need to allow public comments. The Addendum to the Striped Bass Act did not go out to scoping meeting for the public to comment on what should be in the document. That is not what Jerry Schill (North Carolina Fishermen's Association), Larry Simms (Maryland's Waterman's Association) and JCAA agreed to when the Commission asked for our support in passing the Atlantic Coast Conservation Act back in the mid-nineties. The Commission committed to an open process for the public, allowing comments before and during the process of finalizing documents. At the Striped Bass Board meeting, when they were setting up the document, they should have allowed ample time for the public to voice concerns and provide information. They should have scheduled the meeting for a full day instead of the 5 hours which they exceeded quickly due to the Commissioners' discussion.

During the meeting, individual Commissioners spoke 10 times more than all the public was able to speak in the 4 minutes allocated. The Commission

needs to return to the fundamentals by reaching out to both the recreational and commercial communities when considering an addendum that will have a huge economic impact on the fishing community. Of course, before the document that would be sent out to public hearing, ASMFC should have allowed fishermen to comment on the negative impacts.

I attended the NJ Advisor's Meeting and the NJ Public Hearing. There was only one club supporting any option other than status quo. We will see what happens after ASMFC votes. Maybe this is a time to take the same action that we did on summer flounder years ago and get our state to go out of compliance. There is no way ASMFC can prove that these measures will do anything to improve the spawning of striped bass in Chesapeake Bay. As we have stated numerous times, the size of spawning stock biomass is not the problem. We are at a level that can produce the largest young of the year index ever. Let's deal with the real problems, the environmental issues. Let's deal with pollution in the spawning areas and the endocrine disruptors, the heating of the Chesapeake Bay waters and the invasive species that were introduced there. Let's not pick on the commercial and recreational fishing industry that did not cause the real problem.

Farmer Expresses Concern Over Seemingly Harmless Balloons That Are Silently Ruining Farms

By Neha B., *GreenMatters.com*
September 18, 2025

This man's New Jersey farm isn't the only place impacted by balloon littering. Reports suggest that balloons threaten marine life as well.

Balloons mean celebration. Be it a wedding ceremony, a birthday party, or a healing ritual, people hold on to these colorful, glossy balloons as long as it is necessary, and then they gently let them go. The [balloons launch towards the sky](#), and the moment they arrive in the atmosphere, the pressure of the barreling winds causes them to burst and deflate. The resulting deflated plastic then plummets down on the ground, often falling into oceans and threatening wildlife. In a [TikTok video](#), South Jersey farmer [Timberline Farms](#) vented out his frustration after noticing balloons repeatedly littering the grounds of his farm. "I could have accidentally eaten this," he lamented in the caption.



NJ farmer vents out frustration after noticing balloon litter in his farm (Cover Image Source: TikTok | @timberlinefarmsnj)

About 71 percent of planet Earth is made up of water. So, when these balloons are released into the air, the probability that they will end up inside an ocean is quite high. Even when they end up in farms or grasslands, winds can easily blow them away and push them into the oceans. [Longwood University](#) reported the case of a juvenile green sea turtle that washed up on shore in Argentina. When doctors cut up its stomach, they found the plastic of balloons clinging to it. In 1985, a 15-foot-long sperm whale washed up on a New Jersey beach, with a balloon sticking inside its stomach.

In September 1987, another case of a leatherback turtle came to light. Its dead body contained traces of plastic. The university explains that nowadays, incidents like these are not unusual. Oftentimes, when these balloons end up inside oceans, [creatures like sea turtles](#), whales, and albatrosses mistake their shimmery plastic for jellyfish or seagrasses. Thinking it to be food, they gobble them up and end up dying from suffocation. The farmer from Timberline Farms called out on the viciousness of people who recklessly release these balloons.



“Mad on. I swear to God, if I find out which one of you [...] is letting off balloons all helter skelter. The number of balloons that I find on this farm. Who was it? Who did it?” The bearded farmer said while walking around on a grassy patch of his farm. At one point, he focused the camera on the grass and picked up a crumpled [piece of plastic](#), which turned out to be a deflated balloon. “This is for a 1-year-old's birthday. They ain't even gonna remember this. But I will,” he chuntered, before wrapping up the video.



*A group of people releasing pink balloons in the air
(Representative Image Source: Getty Images | SDI Productions)*

Viewers were left heartbroken by the video. Some of them expressed frustration about the matter of this ever-increasing balloon litter in New Jersey farmlands. “I know where it came from, all of them. They are from the Dollar General on the corner,” commented [@smiley.@heather](#) said, “Nothing pi**ed me off more than balloons being released.” It’s not just a moody disparaging of balloon littering that this farmer and the viewers expressed. Even scientists have presented evidence of how this [littering problem](#) can pose severe danger to the environment.

A 2015 paper published in the journal [Marine Policy](#) documented evidence that balloons are among the “most dangerous types of pollution” for coastal wildlife, along with fishing gear and plastic bags. They get stuck in animals’ throats, and many lose their lives after getting entangled in their plastic. [Ocean Conservancy](#) also released a report in 2017, proclaiming that balloons are one of the “top deadly forms of litter,” including those that are advertised as “biodegradable.”

You can follow Timberline Farms on TikTok for food and farming-related videos at [@timberlinefarmsnj](#)

ASMFC Preliminary Agenda 3rd Annual Meeting

*October 27 – 30, 2025
Hyatt Place Dewey Beach, Delaware*

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s 83rd Annual Meeting will be held October 27-30, 2025, at Hyatt Place Dewey Beach, Delaware. [Here is a link](#) to ASMFC’s page on all meeting information. Further down the page or at [this link](#) you can find the preliminary meeting 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 within the agenda.

The New Jersey Climate Superfund Act Fact Sheets

Fact Sheet 1: Protecting & Restoring Fisheries & Wildlife 1

The Challenge:

- Flooding, heat waves, and other climate impacts are severely affecting New Jersey’s valuable fisheries and wildlife.
- State funding for fisheries and wildlife research, habitat protection, and restoration is urgently needed.
- Federal funding for many fisheries and wildlife research projects is at risk.

The Opportunity:

The New Jersey Climate Superfund Act (S-3545/A-4696) raises \$50 billion from the world’s largest oil companies to fund urgently needed projects that protect New Jersey from flooding, heat waves, and other climate impacts. **The proposed legislation prioritizes fisheries, wildlife, and natural resource projects:**

“Climate change adaptation project” means a project designed to respond to, avoid, moderate, repair, or adapt to negative impacts caused by climate change and to assist human and natural communities, households, and businesses to prepare for future climate-change-driven disruptions, while maximizing environmental protections... [including] **response to toxic algae blooms, loss of agricultural topsoil, crop loss, and other climate-driven ecosystem threats to clean water, safe and plentiful drinking water, wetlands, forests, farms, fisheries, and food systems.**”

Right now, **NJ residents and businesses, including anglers and hunters, are paying 100% of the costs** to repair and upgrade critical infrastructure and natural resource protection and resiliency efforts. The Act would **shift a portion of these costs to the big oil companies**. Leading economists, including a Nobel Prize winner, stated:

The “Act will not shift costs to consumers by increasing the price of crude oil or the price of gasoline at the pump... Because the payments required by the [Act] are based on past conduct and do not affect incentives going forward, the companies and their shareholders will absorb these costs without causing economic harm to consumers or governments.”

New Jersey's Fisheries & Wildlife: A \$12+ Billion Economy

Commercial fishing industry	\$6.3B annually (dockside, processing, supply chain)
Recreational fishing	\$1.4B annually, supporting 15,000+ jobs
Wildlife recreation	\$4.4B annually (birding, hunting, hiking)
Coastal wetlands & marshes	\$2.4B annually in flood protection & ecosystem services
Outdoor recreation economy	\$12.6B value added, 122,048 jobs in NJ

Fact Sheet 2: Make Jersey More Affordable, Safe & Resilient

“The Act will not shift costs to consumers by increasing the price of crude oil or the price of gasoline at the pump. Nor will liability under the Act reduce firms’ energy production levels or impact government tax revenues”

Summary:

Some of the country’s leading economists, including a Nobel Prize winner, a former Chief Economist of the World Bank, and other experts on how government policies affect markets—have filed a brief on the economic consequences of the Climate Superfund Act in Vermont.

The New Jersey and Vermontⁱ “Climate Superfund Acts” both contain the central provision highlighted by the economists: “The Act imposes a one-time, retrospective payment on a small set of fossil fuel companies for their pro-rata share of greenhouse gas emissions from 1995 to 2024. These one-time assessments are classic “fixed costs.” Fixed costs based on past pollution do not increase future production costs.”

The economists’ key findings include:

- **No Gasoline or Oil Price Increases:**
The “Act will not shift costs to consumers by increasing the price of crude oil or the price of gasoline at the pump.”
- **No Reduction in Production or Revenues:**
“Nor will liability under the Act reduce firms’ energy production levels or impact government tax revenues.”
- **Companies and Shareholders Will Absorb Costs:**
“Because the payments required by the [Climate Superfund] are based on past conduct and do not affect incentives going forward, the companies and their shareholders will absorb these costs without causing economic harm to consumers or governments.”
- **Economic Arguments Against the Climate Superfund Act “Are Implausible and Hyperbolic”:**
“Our interest in this case is to inform the Court of the economic consequences of the Act so that the Court’s legal analysis can be based on an accurate picture of “commonsense economic realities,” rather than the government plaintiffs’ implausible and hyperbolic assertions of economic harm...”

The New Jersey Climate Superfund Act Imposes Fixed Costs for Past Conduct:

The Act’s one-time assessment is what the economists call a fixed cost:

- “The Act’s cost to a company does not change based on future conduct or greenhouse gas emissions.”
- “An oil company’s liability, for example, remains the same whether, in the future, the company produces 0, 1, or 1,000,000 barrels of oil.”

- “The Act therefore does not impact a firm’s marginal cost of production, which, again, is the amount of money it costs the firm to produce one additional barrel of oil, ton of coal, or cubic foot of natural gas.”
- “The Act’s economic effects are fundamentally different from interventions that concern future emissions, such as a carbon tax or lawsuits asserting prospective tort liability.”

The economists note: The assessment also does not affect “neither the marginal cost of production nor the marginal revenue received and thus does not affect either demand or supply.”

New Jersey Unique and Competitive Gasoline Market & Laws Protect Consumers:

New Jersey’s highly competitive gas market and large number of independent gas stations protect consumers from price hikes at the pump. Many major “branded” gas stations (e.g., Exxon) are not owned by the oil companies whose names they carry. They have no legal obligation—and often no practice—of buying gasoline from their branded company, sourcing instead from independents at the lowest prices. Independent gas stations have no such restraints, push prices lower, and ensure the gasoline market is not controlled by big oil. Federal and state laws also prohibit collusion and price-fixing. The Climate Superfund assessments imposed on big oil companies will range from zero to tens of millions of dollars annually per company. While companies with large assessments might want to raise prices to recover costs, they will be competing against companies with smaller assessments or none at all.

Big oil companies strongly oppose the Climate Superfund Act because they know they cannot pass on these costs to consumers. By contrast, they have historically supported carbon pricing and gasoline tax proposals, which do allow costs to be shifted to the public.

Economists’ Background

The background of the nine economists includes: a Nobel Prize winner, authors and professors from leading universities and institutes. All have served in prestigious positions beyond their academic roles, including the Chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of the World Bank, Senior Economist for International Finance at the President’s Council of Economic Advisers.

JCAA Membership Report

By John Toth

The following is a list of clubs that have paid their dues and sponsorships for 2025. Please check to see if my information is correct and let me know if I am in error with it. I can be contacted at (732) 656-0139 or at tothjohn@verizon.net.

- Barrington Rod & Gun Club - \$150
- NJ Beach Buggy Association (NJBBA) - \$300
- Surf Kings - \$50
- Hi-Mar Striper Club - \$500
- Belmar Fishing Club - \$50
- Seaside Heights Fishing Club - \$100
- Bradley Beach Surf Casters - \$150
- Manasquan Fishing Club - \$300
- Delaware River Shad Fishermen’s Association - \$100
- Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County - \$100
- Bay Head Shores Fishing Club - \$50
- Hudson River Fishermen’s Association - \$100
- Village Harbor Fishing Club - \$50
- Sandy Hook Bay Anglers - \$250
- Spring Lake Live Liners - \$100
- Fun Under the Boat - \$100
- Fish Hawks - \$50
- Berkeley Striper Club - \$50
- Menhaden Defenders - \$100

Sponsorships have been received from:

- Paul Shafer - \$200
- Barnegat Animal Clinic - \$70
- Jon Brunetti - \$100
- Linda & Chris Jewel - \$210
- Adam Piasecki - \$70
- Joseph Palumbo - \$500
- Greg Jewell - \$45
- Raymond Humphreys - \$100
- Fisherman’s Headquarters - \$100
- Louis Schott - \$100
- Fins on Feathers - \$100

We are already in the fall season of this year and a number of clubs have still not paid their dues. Please send in your club dues to the address below.

Jersey Coast Anglers Association
P.O. Box 1191
West Branch Post Office
Wall, NJ 07719

Our next JCAA General Membership meeting be on **September 30th, 2025**, and it will be held as an in-person meeting at the Shark Anglers Building in Herbertsville and by ZOOM starting at 7:30 p.m.

Youth Education Report

By Greg Kucharewski

IGFA REEL INTO FISHING CAMPS

As I was perusing through my emails this month, it was good to read about New Jersey and Florida IGFA Reel into Fishing programs. I read about Dr. Doug Zemeckis, Rutgers University and Jim Hutchinson, Managing Editor for The Fisherman Magazine that were part of the IGFA Fishing Camp team that shared information about aquatic education and sportfishing techniques with campers.

Along with the positive contributions of Martin and Palm Beach, County FL, the IGFA Fishing Camp instructors and their presentations, over a seven-week period, 152 youngsters completed fishing camp. [Read more](#) about the great work IGFA is doing with Fishing Camps.



LAKE JULIANNA FISHING NINE YEARS OF SUCCESS

The 9th Annual Play HOOK-e “Kid’s Wish’n to go Fish’n” (KWTGF) Take a Veteran Fishing Day on August 23, 2025, was a remarkable success. Veterans, active-duty military personnel and youngsters along with their families enjoyed a fun day at Ponderosa Estates Farm, Millstone, NJ to catch and release fish at Lake Julianna. The goal of the fishing day is to offer special needs children and disabled veterans a day to fish and feel the health benefits of getting in touch with nature while making good memories. Organizers are already preparing for the 10-year anniversary. Don Marantz, Event Chairperson, Vito Cardinale, Cardinale

Enterprises Inc. and Randy Johnson, Laurita Winery improved parking coordination and expanded activities to provide a fun filled day for all in attendance.

Over 650 attendees enjoyed the festivities at Lake Julianna. A special thank you to American Warrior Outdoors Paul Hewitt and Rob Felicito, for their coordination of volunteers and organizing event changes. All children and veterans arriving at the event were greeted by the Lake Julianna welcome team volunteers. Children and volunteers received free tee shirts, and goodie bags. Corporal Philip A. Reynolds Detachment Marine Corps League, Freehold, NJ helped set the tone for a patriotic fishing event by providing a Color Guard and music for the opening ceremony. Over 60 volunteers were available to assist children and veterans that came to fish. Veterans attending the event also helped youngsters cast a line. Participants had the use of loaner fishing rods and reels, rigs, and Spring Lake Freezer Bait Company made sure there were plenty of worms for catching fish. The Vietnam Veterans of America Shore Area Chapter 12 presented their Eagle Award to the membership of the Jersey Shore Surfcasters Foundation (JSSF) for their generous support and member volunteerism since the first Play HOOK-e from PTSD event.

Paul Novello accepted the award on behalf of the JSSF membership. We thank everyone that contributed food, time, and funds to support this worthwhile event. Please view the [online pictorial](#) to see the happy faces of veterans and youngsters.



NJ FREE FISHING DAY

NJ’s second Free Freshwater Fishing Day will be Saturday, **October 18, 2025**, when no license is required to fish regardless of age.

This fall, consider becoming a HOFNOD instructor. New Jersey HOFNOD facilitator workshops are hosted by the DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife. It is well worth the time to learn creative aquatic activities to teach youngsters the importance of becoming environmental stewards. This workshop is a great learning experience. Hooked On Fishing Team Leader Training, October 18-19, 2025, at Center for Aquatic

Science. If you are interested in attending a NJ HOFNOD workshop, please phone or email Liz Jackson, NJ HOFNOD Coordinator Phone: (908) 637-4125 x122 or email: liz.jackson@dep.state.nj.us.

2025 JCAA YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD

We will announce the recipient of the JCAA Youth Education Award in the November issue of the JCAA Newspaper. Join us at the JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner on Saturday, **November 8, 2025**, at the Captain's Inn, to celebrate and recognize a host of individuals that go beyond to make recreational fishing better for future generations.

BRICK HIGH SCHOOL NJ HOFNOD

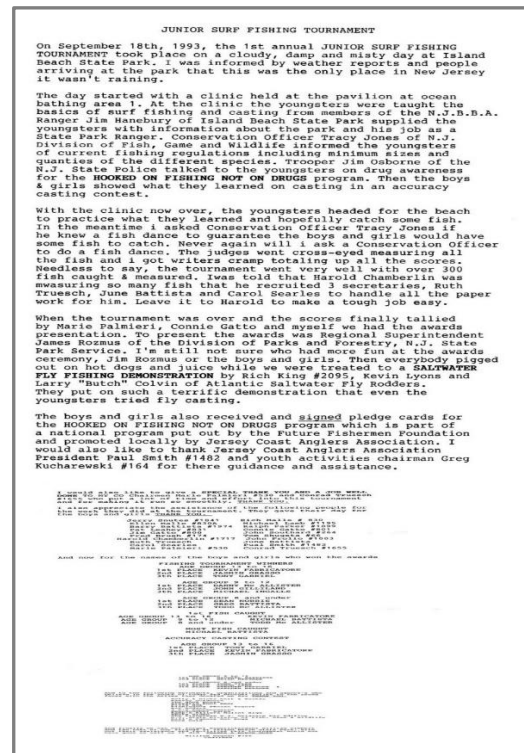


Tim Brennan, Brick High School Health and Physical Education teacher/NJ HOFNOD Instructor invites you to visit their fishing club [Facebook page](#). Recently, his new class visited Double Trouble State Park and learned about canoeing. Tim is now preparing his class for fall fishing trips.

Students are encouraged to continue learning about aquatic education and practice fishing skills outside of school activities. The class is always willing to accept donations of working equipment and tackle. Feel free to email the class leader Tim Brennan at tbrennan@brickschools.org. Visit the NJ HOFNOD [website](#) for program updates.

NJBBA YOUTH SURF FISHING HISTORY

NJBBA offered youngsters a fun surf fishing day at their 29th Annual Children's Surf Fishing Tournament September 13th, 2025. I remember the first Junior Children's Surf Fishing Tournament that was held on September 18, 1993. See the 1993 NJBBA Newsletter below:



The membership of NJBBA still continues to do magnificent work for our young people and the fishing community. View their kid's surf fishing pictures on [Facebook](#).

GETTING VETERANS TO THE BEACH

This might seem like a tricky task but with the help of our Play HOOK-e from PTSD volunteers and adaptive equipment we are able to walk veteran anglers to their favorite beach fishing location.



We also received letters from veteran family members stating how appreciative they are for giving them a few hours to recover from their caregiving responsibilities. Most caregivers are also dealing with age-related challenges. Thank you all that donate your time to help our veterans.

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