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"WORKING FOR MARINE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS"

JCAA REGULAR MEETING

April 28th, 2026, 7:30pm

Jersey Coast Shark Anglers Building
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IMPORTANT DATES

April 28th JCAA General Meeting

May 14th JCAA Board Meeting

May 17th Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament

May 26th JCAA General Meeting

June 11th JCAA Board Meeting

July 9th JCAA High Roller Raffle Drawing

July 30th-August 2nd JCAA Annual Fluke
Tournament

November 14th Sportsman-of-the-Year Dinner

JCAA Hi-Roller Raffle

By Mark Taylor

JCAA High Roller Raffle tickets are now available. They were first sold at the Atlantic City Boat Show and Saltwater Fishing Expo. To purchase, call (732) 506-6565 or email mtsport64@aol.com with your name, address, and desired number of tickets. Tickets will be sent promptly. The drawing will take place **July 9, 2026, at 7:30 PM at Toms River Knights of Columbus Council #4969**, 113 Tennyson Ave., Toms River, NJ 08753.

List of Prizes & Retail Values (Total Value \$3,143)

1. Jersey Nutz Six Man Charter

Experience an exciting six-hour inshore weekday charter for up to six guests with Jersey Nutz. This prize, valued at \$1,300, offers a memorable outing on the water. Donated by Captains Robert and Cody Melton

2. 10' 6" TFO Tactical Surf Rod and Shimano Reel

Win a 10' 6" TFO Tactical Surf Rod (TAC SUS 1064-2, two-piece) paired with a Shimano Sustain 8000FE reel, valued at \$625. This combo is perfect for surf fishing enthusiasts. Donated by JCAA / Tom Fote

3. \$500 Gift Certificate from Fisherman's Headquarters

Receive a **\$500** gift certificate to Fisherman's Headquarters, a fantastic opportunity to select top-quality fishing gear or accessories. Donated by Fisherman's Headquarters (Stan and Greg Cudnik)

4. Engel 123 QT High Performance Hard Cooler and Ice Box

Take home an Engel 123 QT high performance hard cooler and ice box, valued at **\$469**. This cooler is ideal for keeping your catch or refreshments cold all day long. Donated by Engel

5. 7' Penn SSVI6500LL701MH Spinfisher VI Spinning Combo

This prize includes a 7' Penn SSVI6500LL701MH Spinfisher VI spinning combo, valued at **\$249**, perfect for your next fishing adventure. Donated by Penn Fishing

JCAA extends sincere gratitude to all our sponsors for providing these exceptional prizes. Their support is essential to the success of this fundraiser and offers participants valuable opportunities to win. Each sponsor is consistently committed to safeguarding the interests of the recreational fishing community. We encourage you to support them by purchasing their products and visiting their establishments.

JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner November 14

By John Toth

Save the Date! Our Sportsperson of the Year Dinner is going to be held on **Saturday evening on November 14th** starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Spring Lake Manor located at 414 Highway 71, Spring Lake, NJ. This dinner will be served as a buffet and will include:

- **Cocktail Hour** – 1 Complimentary drink ticket for Beer, Wine, Sangria and unlimited soft drinks. Cash Bar will be available. Includes an assortment of Cheeses, Fresh and raw Vegetables & Italian Provisions with crackers and Ranch Dressing

- **For Dinner** – Five Leaf Salad with Citrus Vinaigrette Dressing & Homemade Dinner Rolls with Butter. Dinner selections include Grilled Salmon, Sausage and Peppers, Eggplant Rollatini, Chicken Francese, Penne Vodka, Seasonal Vegetables, and Seasonal Potatoes. Carving Station for Roast Beef and Turkey.
- **For Dessert** – Dessert Platters served with Coffee, Decaffeinated and Assorted Teas

We will have many Tricky Tray prizes along with a Silent Auction and a 50/50. Clubs that want to make a donation to add to the list of prizes should contact **Don Marantz** at (908) 347-1434.

The price for the dinner is **\$850 per table of 10, or \$90 as an individual**. This dinner is a fundraiser for the JCAA to continue protecting the rights of all anglers who fish in New Jersey.

Nominations for the Sportsperson of the Year Dinner will be made at the JCAA's General Membership Meeting on **September 29th**. Start *now* to think of who from your club should be nominated to receive this prestigious award.

When writing your nomination, please limit it to 500 words or less so it can be easily read at our **September 29th** General Membership Meeting. Contact JCAA Dinner Chairman John Toth at (732) 656-0139 or tothjohn@verizon.net.

American Sportfishing Association (ASA) "Keep America Fishing Fly-In"

By Mark A. Taylor

I participated in the American Sportfishing Association (ASA) "Keep America Fishing Fly-In" held in Washington, D.C., from April 12 to 15. On April 13, I spent a full day in meetings that brought together stakeholders from across the country to address pressing issues affecting anglers. A significant portion of the discussions centered on several key federal bills currently under consideration in Congress that impact recreational fishing and boating. April 14, I spend the day visiting Federal Legislators office disgusting topics and issues that recreational fishermen have. I personally believe that it was beneficial day.

Key issues addressed during meetings and discussions with federal legislators.

- **Reauthorizing the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund** expires in Oct. 2026. A critical program that supports boating access, conservation, and infrastructure across the country. Legislation has been introduced by the Senate bill (S.4250) serves as a companion to recently introduced House legislation (H.R.3858), signaling strong momentum in Congress to extend one of the nation's most effective user-pay, public-benefit programs.
- **Sporting Goods Excise Tax Modernization Act**, which would require online marketplace facilitators to ensure proper collection of excise taxes on fishing and archery equipment sold directly from overseas to U.S. consumers. Legislation was introduced in the 119th Congress: Senate Bill (S.1494) / House legislation (H.R.1649)
- **Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act** of 2025 was also highlighted; this House legislation bill (H.R.556) would prevent federal land agencies from restricting the use of lead tackle and ammunition unless such limitations are backed by scientific evidence and the respective state fish and wildlife agency. It passed the House on March 18, 2026, and is currently in the Senate for further consideration.
- **SHARKED Act** was introduced to establish a dedicated task force addressing the issue of shark depredation, which occurs when sharks remove hooked fish before anglers are able to land them. The act seeks to improve communication and coordination between fisheries management groups and shark research communities, with the goal of developing effective strategies for managing shark populations and minimizing the impact of shark depredation on fishing operations.
- **MAPWaters/MAPOceans initiatives**, which would mandate federal agencies to modernize and digitize mapping data related to recreational access points like boat ramps and gear-restricted areas.
- **Marine Fisheries Habitat Protection Act**, which would require NOAA to assess offshore oil and gas

platforms for their potential as artificial reefs and offer more flexibility in the Rigs-to-Reefs Program.

- **Responsible Cormorant Management and Control Act** was discussed as well, directing the Secretary of the Interior to establish regional, science-based frameworks to manage double-crested cormorant populations and reduce their impact on fisheries.
- **Mitigation Action and Watermen Support (MAWS) Act**, establishing a NOAA-led pilot program to promote harvest and market development for invasive blue catfish, and the bipartisan legislation that will address invasive blue catfish and protect aquatic ecosystems throughout Chesapeake Bay. Specifically, the MAWS Act would establish a pilot program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Chesapeake Bay Office to facilitate a new market for blue catfish in the pet and animal food industry and instruct the NOAA to collect data on the impacts of this program on the biodiversity of the Bay and health of fish and crustacean populations
- **Whale CHARTS Act**, which would direct NOAA to enhance whale habitat mapping and invest in detection technologies to minimize vessel strikes while supporting safe and accessible ocean use for all.
- **Recreational Angler Partnership Improvement Directive (RAPID)** is a NOAA Fisheries initiative to modernize recreational fishing data collection. It uses a regional, flexible, state-led approach to meet local data needs and prioritizes precise, usable, and credible information for sustainable fisheries and angler access.

Here are several additional topics.

Sector Separation, South Atlantic Red Snapper, Management of Atlantic Bluefin Tuna, Aquatic Invasive Species, Ban on Live Bait, Tariffs, Federal Excise Taxes, Lead Fishing Tackle, PFAS, Prop 65, Pacific, Northwest Salmon, Alaska Salmon, California Salmon.

Clearly, these meetings were highly demanding and complex. It is essential for the recreational community to stay informed and actively participate in these discussions.

Protect NJ's Menhaden: Why the Fish Pump Ban Must Remain

By Capt. Paul Eidman, JCAA Board Member

As Founder of Menhaden Defenders, a board member of the Jersey Coast Anglers Association, a marine conservation advocate, and a local fishing guide, I am deeply concerned about proposed changes in Trenton — specifically [New Jersey Senate Bill S3423](#), which would allow the use of fish pumps to harvest Atlantic menhaden in New Jersey's state waters.

Menhaden are a **keystone species**, vital forage for striped bass, humpback whales, bottlenose dolphins, osprey and bald eagles and countless seabirds. They are the foundation of the coastal food web that supports New Jersey's recreational fishing, whale watching, birding, and tourism economies.



The current regulation — which allows purse seine vessels to fish in state waters but **prohibits the use of pumps** to bring the catch aboard faster— was not created by accident. It was a carefully negotiated compromise crafted over years to balance the needs of commercial fishermen with the protection of our marine ecosystem and recreational fisheries.

That safeguard exists for a simple reason. Fish pumps allow large vessels to **remove an entire school of menhaden in minutes**, dramatically increasing the scale and speed of harvest. When this happens in nearshore waters, the impacts ripple throughout the ecosystem. The bait that attracts striped bass disappears. Whale and dolphin feeding activity declines. Osprey and other avian predators lose a critical food source.



Brail Net method

For recreational anglers and wildlife watchers along the Jersey coast, the effect is immediate and visible.

Allowing pumps in state waters would also **increase conflict between commercial and recreational fleets**. Recreational fishermen in New Jersey are already restricted to harvesting striped bass within state waters, while striped bass harvest is prohibited in federal waters beyond three miles offshore. At the same time, menhaden vessels are already allowed to pump fish in federal waters, where conflicts with the recreational fleet are minimal.

In other words, the current law already provides a workable balance: efficient commercial harvesting can occur offshore, while nearshore waters remain protected from large-scale removal of baitfish.



Fish pump with excluder device

Changing that balance now risks undermining both the ecosystem and the compromise that has helped avoid a much larger conflict. The broader recreational fishing

community has long supported **banning industrial menhaden harvest in state waters entirely**. The existing restriction on pumps helped maintain a middle ground.

Pumping may increase efficiency for a few, but it jeopardizes the broader public interest, the spirit of conservation, and the economic vitality of our coastal communities.

New Jersey's coastal waters belong to everyone — fishermen, whale watchers, birders, and the families who depend on healthy fisheries and thriving wildlife.

For the sake of our ecosystem, our recreational fisheries, and the balance previous legislatures worked hard to achieve, **the prohibition on fish pumps in New Jersey state waters should remain in place**.



President's Report

By Mark Taylor

As many members of the recreational community prepare their boats for the season and some fortunate anglers are already out fishing, we have experienced a mixture of pleasant weather and chilly spell-conditioning that may impact on your activities in separate ways. Meanwhile, numerous fishery meetings continue to take place at various levels and within management groups, making it essential for all of us to stay informed. The ongoing nature of these meetings highlights the need for more dedicated volunteers at JCAA. We encourage individuals passionate about particular species to follow these discussions closely, as the workload has become too much for only a few to manage. If you are interested in volunteering and

making a difference with JCAA, please reach out to me at mtsport64@aol.com or (732) 245-9445. Our collective involvement is crucial to safeguarding the future of the sport we all cherish.

I participated in the American Sportfishing Association (ASA) “**Keep America Fishing Fly-In**” held in Washington, D.C., from April 12 to 16. On April 13, I spent a full day in meetings that brought together stakeholders from across the nation to address pressing issues affecting anglers. A significant portion of the discussions centered on several key federal bills currently under consideration in Congress that impact recreational fishing and boating. April 14, I spend the day going to Federal Legislators office disgusting topics and issues that recreational fishermen have. I personally believe that it was beneficial day. I will have an article in this addition with some more information. Tom Fote typically participated in these meetings in the past, but he is currently handling some personal matters. I joined him at these meetings over the last two years, and his absence was noticed.

The **JCAA Annual High Roller Raffle** is now in progress, and tickets are available for purchase. We launched ticket sales at two recent events and are excited to announce that the raffle drawing will be held on **July 9, 2026**, at the Toms River Knights of Columbus Council #4969, located at 113 Tennyson Ave. This year's raffle features an outstanding array of prizes, thanks to the commitment and generosity of our donors. We sincerely appreciate their contributions. Additional information about the prizes and donors will be shared in articles in JCAA future publications. If you have not purchased your ticket yet, there's still time to participate and support JCAA.

Chairperson **Frank Macalik** is working diligently to finalize the tournament release application and manage all the necessary preparations to ensure this event is a success. Anyone with experience organizing tournaments knows the significant planning and dedication involved in making sure everything runs seamlessly. A mailing will be sent to previous participants, so please keep an eye out for it. **This year's fluke tournament** promises to be an event you will not want to miss—be sure to save the dates, **July 30th through August 2nd**. Frank will share complete details as soon as they are available.

As noted in last month's newsletter, JCAA has selected a new venue for the **2026 Annual Sportsperson of the Year Dinner**. It's never too early for your club to consider participating by reserving a table for this exceptional event, or to gather friends and

attend together. The Spring Lake Manor, a beautiful Victorian mansion located in Spring Lake Heights, NJ, provides an ideal setting for the occasion. John Toth will share further details as they become available, or you may contact him directly for more information. Additionally, JCAA is seeking donations to help make this event a success.

Every angler should make it a priority to visit the NJDEP – NJ Fish & Wildlife website, which offers a wealth of up-to-date information essential for saltwater fishing in New Jersey. Be sure to thoroughly review all resources available on saltwater fishing and complete your annual registration or renewal for the **2026 New Jersey Saltwater Recreational Registry** at [this link](#) — a process that every angler must complete annually. Registration is free and must be completed each year. By participating, anglers help ensure that saltwater fishing activity is accurately tracked in New Jersey. This data is vital for determining federal funding eligibility and allocation, which supports ongoing fisheries research and management efforts.

Active participation and staying informed are vital for all anglers. By engaging in fisheries issues and keeping up with relevant developments, our recreational community can amplify its voice in decision-making and positively influence outcomes for the future of our sport.

Upcoming JCAA Meetings

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) has several important meetings scheduled for the coming months. These sessions provide opportunities for members and recreational anglers to stay informed, participate in discussions, and help guide the future of the organization.

- **April 28th at 7:30 pm:** JCAA General Membership Meeting. All members are invited to attend either in person at 385 Herbertsville Rd., Brick, NJ 08724, or remotely via Zoom. This meeting will use a hybrid format to accommodate both in-person and remote participants and is open to recreational anglers.
- **May 14th at 7:30 pm:** JCAA Board Meeting. This session will be held exclusively via Zoom, allowing board members and participants to join remotely.
- **May 26th at 7:30 pm:** JCAA General Membership Meeting. Continuing the hybrid format, this meeting is open to all recreational anglers. Please make sure to mark your calendar and consider attending.

Your participation in these meetings is encouraged. Whether attending in person or via Zoom, members and anglers alike can stay connected, contribute to important discussions, and help shape the direction of JCAA. Please remember to add these dates to your calendar and join us for meaningful engagement.

JCAA New Ad Program

By Tom Fote

The full-page ads in our newspaper cost \$1,000 for the year and we are pleased to announce [Engel Coolers](#) as our first full-page ad under our new ad program.

These ads can be for tackle stores, fishing clubs and any other individuals who would like to advertise in our newspaper. It is easier to change a full-page month to month so if your tackle store is running a special sale, you could have a new ad for that specific event for the month before and the month of. Clubs can list their tournaments, flea markets or any other event by just submitting a new ad to replace the existing one. If you have any questions, contact Tom Fote at (732) 270-9102 or email at tfote@jcaa.org. This does not replace the \$500 or \$250 business ad already in place. We are hoping to use the ad money to pay for the operation of the newspaper. We hope that you will solicit ads and get your club to take an ad. It is a great way to publicize your club and get new members. We will also have a link to the sponsors' webpages. Please call me if you have any questions. Mark also has put together some forms that will be ready by the next newsletter.

Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

By Tom Fote

The Latest in the Fiasco of Managing Summer Flounder, Black Sea Bass and Scup

Another month, another newspaper. Every month I hope to write about good news, like NMFS, the Mid Atlantic Council and the ASMFC rewarding the recreational community with an increase in quotas that are well deserved. However, this never seems to happen. And when it does, it is like throwing a small bone to a starving dog. That is what happened with the

current black sea bass, summer flounder and scup regulations.

We could have gotten a 40% increase in black sea bass, we could have gotten an increase in summer flounder, but we got no increase in summer flounder while the commercial anglers got a big increase. Black sea bass is another story. We have been fishing on a stock at 200% above its target. This year we thought we would see a big increase. The science said we could increase the quota by 40%. But ASMFC and the MAFMC decided to only give us a 20% increase. We thought that would be equitably distributed among the three zones.

Why was I so naïve to think this would happen? Instead, we got outvoted at the Commission because they make decisions based on who has the most votes. Because New Jersey is a state in a zone by itself, the ASMFC decided to take almost 25% of our quota increase and give it to the zone north of us. The anglers in New Jersey deserved better than having the Commission unfairly reallocate our quota increase the same way they have done in the past. All you need to look at is when NMFS told the MAFMC and ASMFC they would have to reevaluate the quotas between the recreational and commercial communities. The process took three years. The science showed the recreational sectors in the states were not given the larger quotas we should have had on some species. Why, might you ask? Because MAFMC and ASMFC have greater commercial representation in council members and in Governors' appointees and Legislative proxies. They voted down every reallocation that would have gone to the recreational sector. This is not based on science, but on who controls the Council and the Commission.

The present situation is even crazier than normal. NMFS was supposed to be going through a process to reaffirm the amendments to the plan for the management of summer flounder, black sea bass and scup. NMFS never took any action. We were not told this was not done until the last minute. We are now in a situation that, after months of going through a process that didn't fairly handle the situation and only gave small quota increases, NMFS states they can't even sign off on this plan because they didn't complete the required process. They blame the government shutdowns for their lack of progress. Since the President, the House and the Senate can't get their act together, the recreational sector is suffering again.

In this newspaper, there are letters from NJMFC, NJ DEP Commissioner and ASA demanding

NMFS get their act together. There is also a joint letter from MAFMC and ASMFC with the same demand.

If I was writing these letters from the recreational point of view, it would have said, "Skip this plan and give us the 40% in black sea bass quota increase and the same quota increase for summer flounder you gave the commercial sector." I would have pointed out that the three agencies responsible for managing our fisheries have consistently forced the recreational community not to take the available quotas. Maybe that is what the President, the Senate and House should recommend to NMFS. The states should do the same. Why should I expect sanity in a process that hasn't worked fairly for years for the recreational sector. It will be interesting to see what happens.

What has happened to the Makeup of the MAFMC and ASMFC Commissioners

People complain about the representation of the Councils and the Commission. They say the voting members don't represent them. I agree! But when you ask people to step forward to serve on one of these agencies, they say they can't volunteer their time due to the hours involved. In the past, when we had family-owned recreational industry businesses, those owners realized it was in their interest to allow the time for people to serve. I remember going to Herb and Betty Henze who owned Penn Reels and they supported sending Ed Mesunas, one of their employees, the time to serve on the MidAtlantic Fisheries Management Council. Since the MAFMC actually pays their members, there were other parts of the industry that could get representation. The businesses that depend on the recreational fishing industry are no longer Mom and Pop operations. Like many industries, they are owned conglomerates that have lost that connection.

ASMFC is a different matter. I was able to serve for all those years as the Commissioner or the Legislative proxy because I was a disabled veteran and had a pension. I also had a wife who understood how important this was to me and supported my efforts. When I was first appointed to the Commission, you only needed to attend a few days of meetings a year. Because of the complications created by the new laws, that is no longer true. To fulfill the job requirements, the Commissioners need to attend meeting weeks for ASMFC 4 weeks a year. If you deal with summer flounder or black sea bass, there are additional weeks spent at MAFMC for joint meetings. There are also hearings and meetings that you attend in your state to

do your job. ASMFC and the states need to find a way to make it possible for representation from all sectors of the recreational community. I have talked about a stipend coming from the state or from the ASMFC. It is up to you to make the states or the federal government find ways to get better representation. We need to all of us to serve.

**JCAA can no longer Afford to
Send Representatives to Meetings**

When I first got involved in JCAA, there was no money to send us to meetings. I found ways to attend for very little money. Once JCAA started the coastwide Fluke Tournament, we had the money to send people to many different meetings. We had people going to HMS meetings in DC and attending MAFMC meetings. JCAA has financially fallen on hard times like many other organizations. Some of the recreational organizations that also sent members to meetings have disbanded. One of the ways we were able to influence decisions was that we had members at all of the important meetings. We also had members who would go to the meetings, and we don't have that now either. If you want to keep JCAA representing New Jersey recreational anglers and fishing industry as a force for decision making, we need to support JCAA (Your Organization) financially and in person. Our membership is getting older and we need new people to step up. We also need the clubs to realize that we need their financial support. I am an eternal optimist, but I am concerned about JCAA's future. After more than 45 years of representing New Jersey's anglers, it would be a real shame if JCAA can no longer be that voice.

NJMFC Letter to NMFS

April 14, 2026

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April 14, 2026

Mr. Eugenio Piñero Soler

Assistant Administrator for Fisheries

National Marine Fisheries Service

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Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Administrator Soler:

On behalf of the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council (Council), I urge you to expedite the rulemaking that would allow state recreational fishing regulations for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass to apply in federal waters. Failure to do so will result in significant lost fishing opportunity and unprecedented compliance concerns in these fisheries.

The Council advises the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on conservation and management rules, regulations, and policies regarding marine resources, as well as the commercial and recreational fishing industries that rely on them. It is a priority of Council that recreational fishing regulations provide optimum opportunity for participation and harvest and are not overly complicated or confusing.

In December 2025, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council met jointly to set federal waters recreational regulations for summer flounder, scup, and black seabass, but waived these regulations by approving the use of conservational equivalent state waters' regulations in federal waters. Unfortunately, the rulemaking for this decision is being held up by other rule proposals. If the conservation equivalence rule is not published in a timely manner, it will result in disparate regulations in state and federal waters for these species. This will lead to confusion and uncertainty in the angling community and increase the potential for noncompliance (both intentional and unintentional). Further, because the federal waters regulations selected by ASMFC and MAFMC are considerably more restrictive than New Jersey's state waters regulations, failure to implement conservational equivalence will result in significant lost opportunity for anglers fishing in federal waters. Finally, the failure

to pass the proposed rule could drastically undermine anglers' faith in the fisheries management system. Recreational harvest quotas increased substantially for summer flounder and black sea bass for 2026, and ASMFC and MAFMC approved a 20% liberalization in recreational measures for black sea bass – the first liberalization in over a decade. Yet, because of the regulatory delay, regulations for these species in federal waters will be more restrictive than recent years, contrary to the decision of the management bodies. The impacts would be greatest for black sea bass where the proposed federal regulations include a size limit 2.5" greater than New Jersey's, along with a substantially reduced bag limit and on open season 90 days shorter than New Jersey has adopted. This could have lasting impacts on anglers' willingness to abide by regulations, thereby exacerbating compliance concerns.

Summer flounder and black sea bass are among New Jersey's most important recreational species, both in terms of trips taken and fish landed. In 2023-2025 New Jersey anglers averaged more than 500,000 trips per year in federal waters where they identified summer flounder as their primary target. In those same years, more than 350,000 trips were taken each year targeting black sea bass, with approximately 70% of these trips (242,000) occurring in federal waters. Reported harvest from federal waters averaged 367,000 summer flounder and 1.31M black sea bass. It is obvious from these statistics that the consequences of not passing the conservation equivalence rule would be drastic for New Jersey's recreational community.

It is Council's understanding that this rulemaking has been delayed while the National Marine Fisheries Service deliberates adoption of the Recreational Measures Setting Process Framework, approved by ASMFC and MAFMC in April 2025, upon which the 2026 regulations and conservation equivalency decisions are predicated. We encourage you to expedite adoption of both rule packages, using any legal means necessary, to ensure conservation equivalency is extended into federal waters and avoid unnecessary social and economic hardships that may otherwise ensue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Patrick F. Donnelly, DMD
Chairman, NJ Marine Fisheries Council

- c: Senator Andy Kim
- Senator Cory Booker
- Congressman Donald Norcross
- Congressman Jefferson Van Drew
- Congressman Herb Conaway
- Congressman Chris Smith
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- Congressman Thomas Kean Jr.
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- Congresswoman Nellie Pou
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ASA Release

April 24, 2026

Last week, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) sent letters to Secretary Lutnick and NOAA Fisheries expressing concern over delays in publishing the final rule for the framework that enables setting regulations for summer flounder, scup and black sea bass. The MAFMC and ASMFC jointly submitted the final framework document over eight months ago, but NOAA Fisheries has not approved the framework with less than three weeks until several states intend to open their recreational fisheries.

If NOAA Fisheries fails to publish a proposed rule prior to season opening, the coastwide measures for summer flounder, scup and black sea bass will default to non-preferred measures. This framework would eliminate the highly anticipated 20% liberalization of black sea bass, severely restricting angler access. The result would be an unsatisfactory recreational season that leads to frustration among the recreational fishing public and increased confusion leading to non-compliance.

The MAFMC and ASMFC strongly urge NOAA Fisheries to approve the Recreational Measures Setting Process Framework and the 2026 recreational measures adopted through the Council, Commission, and state process as soon as possible. ASA has escalated this issue to Neil Jacobs, NOAA's Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and NOAA Administrator to push for a swift resolution.

NJ DEP Letter to NMFS

April 17, 2026

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Mr. Eugenio Piñero Soler
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Dear Administrator Soler:

It has come to my attention that a regulatory delay within the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has the potential to disrupt New Jersey's recreational fisheries for summer flounder and black sea bass, which provide significant social and economic benefits to the State, recreational participants, and local communities. The regulations in question pertain to the Recreational Measures Setting Process Framework (Framework), adopted by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council in April 2025, and subsequently a recommendation to extend state regulations into federal waters for these species, proposed by the same bodies in December 2025. On behalf of the marine recreational fishing community in New Jersey and throughout the region, I strongly urge you to expedite approval of these two rule-making packages.

New Jersey boasts one of the most active and diverse recreational fisheries on the Atlantic coast, and summer flounder and black sea bass are key components of our fishery. On a regional level, New Jersey receives a larger allocation and has higher landings for each of these species than any other Atlantic coast state. Among New Jersey anglers, summer flounder is the second most popular species in terms of annual landings, while black sea bass ranks fourth. The Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) estimates that nearly two million trips per year target these species in ocean waters off New Jersey, with 40% of those trips (720,000) and 75% of ocean harvest (1.3

million fish) occurring in federal waters. Failure to pass the Framework and 2026 recreational measures before the recreational seasons begin in May will result in significant lost fishing opportunity. Additionally, confusion and frustration over different regulations in state and federal waters will lead to unprecedented compliance concerns for these fisheries in New Jersey and throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.

With opening day quickly approaching, the standard rule making process will not be sufficient to rectify these concerns in a timely manner. I urgently request that NMFS consider expedited rule making options that can be completed in the abbreviated timeframe. Alternatively, guidance from the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council indicates that the proposed 2026 regulations adequately achieve fishery objectives under the management process to which these species reverted after the previous process sunset on January 1, 2026. Consequently, the NMFS ruling that 2025 measures be implemented is unfounded. By simply revising the original ruling consistent with this logic, NMFS could eliminate all of the potential impacts of the delayed rule making and allow the fisheries to operate as managers intended.

Like so many other New Jerseyans, I grew up fishing in the state and federal waters of the coast of New Jersey. It is with these fond memories of enjoying our marine resources that I urge you to take the necessary actions that will ensure consistency in regulations between federal and state waters before fishing begins in May. Anything less is a disservice to our recreational angling community. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ed Potosnak, Acting Commissioner
NJ Department of Environmental Protection

c: Howard Lutnick, Secretary, US Department of
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MAFMC Letter to NMFS

April 14, 2026

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Dear Secretary Lutnick and Mr. Piñeiro Soler,

I am writing to convey the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) serious concern regarding the delay in publishing the proposed and final rules for the Recreational Measures Setting Process Framework and the implications this has for the 2026 recreational measures for summer flounder and black sea bass. The Council submitted the final framework document more than eight months ago; however, a proposed rule has yet to be published. As a result, the NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Administrator informed the Council during its meeting last week that the agency cannot implement the 2026 recreational measures for summer flounder and black sea bass that were developed collaboratively by the Council, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission), and the states. Instead, the agency intends to enforce non-preferred coastwide measures that the recreational fishing public has no reason to expect and that will prevent a much-anticipated liberalization of measures for black sea bass. This announcement last week came as a shock to many, especially considering that the 2026 recreational fishing season opens in less than three weeks in several states.

This outcome is completely unnecessary and entirely preventable. The Council urges the Department of Commerce and NOAA Fisheries to complete the rulemaking process for the Recreational Measures Setting Process Framework as soon as possible and take immediate action to ensure that the 2026 recreational measures, as recommended by the Council, Commission, and states, are implemented prior to the start of the fishing season in all states.

Background

The Council and Commission jointly manage summer flounder and black sea bass across state and federal waters. For many years, the Council and Commission management process has allowed states the flexibility to develop recreational measures that are tailored to regional differences while still achieving the goals and objectives of the Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Under the current FMP, the Council and Commission adopt a set of non-preferred coastwide measures for these fisheries each year. These measures are intended to be waived in favor of state waters measures if the state measures can be demonstrated to collectively constrain harvest to the appropriate coastwide target.

In 2023, NOAA Fisheries implemented the Percent Change Approach, a new process developed by the Council and Commission to provide greater year-to-year stability and predictability in measures while accounting for uncertainty in recreational catch estimates and placing greater emphasis on stock status. This approach was used to set recreational measures for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass from 2023 through 2025.

The Council and Commission agreed that the original Percent Change Approach would sunset at the end of 2025 to allow for further evaluation and development of an improved long-term approach. After a thorough and collaborative process, both bodies approved the Recreational Measures Setting Process Framework on April 9, 2025 to maintain the Percent Change Approach indefinitely with the addition of a few improvements. The Council, Commission, and management partners worked diligently to prepare and finalize the relevant documents to support implementation of the framework. The Council submitted the draft framework document on May 30 and the final document on August 1, 2025.

During their December 2025 meeting, the Council and Commission set recreational measures for summer flounder and black sea bass based on an understanding that the Recreational Measures Setting Process Framework would be implemented in a timely manner. They agreed to leave summer flounder recreational measures unchanged in 2026 and also allow states to liberalize their black sea bass measures to achieve a 20% increase in expected harvest. The states then worked through the Commission process to modify their black sea bass measures accordingly.

However, more than eight months have elapsed since final submission of the framework, and a proposed rule has yet to be published. In comparison, NOAA Fisheries published a proposed rule within 24 days of final submission of the framework that implemented the original Percent Change Approach. The contrast with the current situation is troubling given that the prior framework made substantial changes to the FMP while the recent framework only maintains the previously implemented approach with a few improvements.

Consequences of the Delay

The non-preferred coastwide measures for summer flounder and black sea bass are intended to be waived in lieu of state waters measures if the state measures constrain harvest to the appropriate coastwide target. The 2026 measures developed by the states do achieve the appropriate target; however, the Regional Administrator has indicated that the 2025 non-preferred coastwide measures will be enforced in 2026 given that the 2026 state measures cannot be approved without the Recreational Measures Setting Process Framework in place. This will have severe consequences, including:

- **The highly anticipated 20% liberalization for black sea bass will not be realized.** The black sea bass stock has been increasing for many years and is currently more than double the target level. This is the first coastwide liberalization approved by the Council and Commission for black sea bass since 2012 and is highly anticipated by recreational anglers, for-hire businesses, and coastal communities. This liberalization would allow anglers to keep more fish, provide more fishing opportunities, potentially reduce regulatory discards, and increase revenues for for-hire businesses.

- **Measures in some states will be severely restricted.** The non-preferred coastwide measures for both summer flounder and black sea bass are not tailored to individual state needs or regional differences. As such, the non-preferred measures for both species are much more restrictive than the recommended 2026 measures for multiple states.
- **There will be widespread confusion among the recreational fishing public and increased non-compliance.** Non-preferred coastwide measures have never been implemented for these species and are therefore largely unknown to the recreational fishing public. These measures are intended as a formality as part of an administrative process used to ensure states develop measures which collectively constrain harvest to the appropriate target. Imposing these measures when anglers are expecting the same summer flounder measures as last year and liberalized black sea bass measures will generate widespread confusion, frustration, and noncompliance.

Request for Action

The Council strongly urges NOAA Fisheries to approve the Recreational Measures Setting Process Framework and the 2026 recreational measures adopted through the Council, Commission, and state process as soon as possible.

We also request that the agency reconsider its position on the 2026 measures. The delay in publishing a proposed rule for the framework should not prevent approval of the 2026 measures given that the 2026 measures keep harvest within the 2026 RHLs that were published by NOAA Fisheries this February ([91 FR 7896](#)). The original Percent Change Approach expired at the end of 2025; therefore, the management process should revert to the pre-2023 approach, which required only that measures keep harvest within the RHL. The 2026 state measures meet that standard. Enforcement of the 2025 non-preferred coastwide measures is therefore not necessary and the 2026 measures can be approved even without rulemaking on the framework.

Given that it is already mid-April and all states are planning to open their black sea bass seasons in early or mid-May, a typical rule making process for the 2026 measures, including the associated public comment periods, will result in extreme disruption to the recreational fishing season. Therefore, we also urge the

agency to consider alternative ways to implement the 2026 recreational measures as soon as possible, perhaps through an interim final rule process, as the agency intends to use for Atlantic mackerel measures, or through emergency rulemaking.

Finally, although we believe the 2026 measures can be approved without implementation of the framework, it is essential to complete the rulemaking process for the framework as soon as possible to avoid further disruption to the management process for 2027 and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration and immediate attention to this critical issue. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D.

CC: J. Cimino, S. Feller, M. Pentony, B. Beal, S. Rauch, K. Denit

JCAA Membership Report

By John Toth

First of all, I want to **Thank** all of you who have already paid your 2026 dues and sponsorships!

Forms have been mailed to clubs for payment of their 2026 JCAA dues and sponsorships. One of the forms requests information on your current board members and the club member who will be the person to represent your club at JCAA Membership Meetings. Please complete this form in full so that we have updated information not only on your membership, but who to contact in the event of an important issue that your club needs to be aware of that affects our ability to fish. The lists below show what we have already received from clubs and sponsors to date:

Clubs:

- Spring Lake Live Liners - \$300
- Seaside Heights Fishing Club - \$100
- NJ Beach Buggy Assoc. - \$300
- Hi-Mar Striper Club - \$500
- Surf Kings Fishing Club - \$100
- Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County - \$100
- Belmar Fishing Club - \$100

- Manasquan Fishing Club - \$300
- Beach Haven Marlin & Tuna Club - \$50
- Delaware Shad - \$150

Sponsorships:

- Paul Shafer - \$259
- Susan Gene Geld - \$50
- Barnegat Animal Clinic - \$100
- Adam T. Piaseki - \$50
- Fins on Feathers - \$50
- In Memory of Tom Ortman - \$100
- Linda/Charles Jules - \$100
- John Zingis - \$50
- L. Raymond Hunphreys, Jr. - \$100
- Jon Brunetti - \$100
- Louis Schott - \$100

Our next JCAA General Membership Meeting will be held on **April 28th, 2026**, at the Shark Anglers Building in Herbertsville. It will be done as an in-person meeting and by ZOOM starting at 7:30 p.m.

I can be contacted at tothjohn@verizon.net or at (732) 656-0139 if you have any questions.

Youth Education Report

By Greg Kucharewski

All JCAA member clubs, please submit information about your youth fishing activities before the 15th of each month. We would like to keep our information current. If your club has a specific event let us know as soon as possible so we can include your event in the JCAA newspaper.

FREE VETERAN FISHING CHARTER

The Sandy Hook Bay Anglers fishing club is co-sponsoring a fishing trip for veteran men and women from the Vietnam Veterans of America, Shore Area Chapter 12. Departing on May 14, 2026 from the Atlantic Highlands Marina with Captain Justin on the Dark Horse. To reserve a space contact Karen Noe at ginoe0113@gmail.com.

Don't forget to support the Sandy Hook Bay Anglers 44th Annual Fluke Tournament, during July 2026. Over \$5,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded at the culmination of the two-day tournament and held

at the Atlantic Highlands Municipal Marina. Read more at [this link](#).

35th ANNUAL GARDEN STATE SURF FISHING CLASSIC

The 35th Annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament (GSFT) will be held at Island Beach State Park on Sunday, **May 17, 2026**. Get ready to enter the largest surf fishing tournament along the Jersey Shore. Don't miss a day of family fishing fun! Pick up a brochure about the tournament at Island Beach State Park or at your favorite tackle dealer. Remember admission to the park is FREE for the tournament. Win prizes. Register online at [this link](#).



We would like to remind our physically challenged anglers that there is an area at OBA 1 with beach wheelchairs available. Anglers that cannot 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. Larson Ford of Lakewood, NJ will assist physically challenged anglers with a NEW 2024 4x4 VIP vehicle to transport anglers that will fish 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.



Veterans Surf Fishing Experience at the Garden State Surf Fishing Classic on Sunday, May 17. No prior surf

fishing experience needed. All equipment and bait provided. Pre-registration is required. For more information contact Alanna Newmark at njfishngr3@dep.nj.gov or call/text (609) 462-0743.

HIGH SCHOOL SURF FISHING CHALLENGE IBSP

The Jersey Coast Anglers Youth Education Committee is encouraging high school students to participate at the Island Beach State Park 35th Annual Surf Fishing Tournament. High school teams are already gearing up for the tournament five students per team plus a high school representative must accompany each high school team. If you know a school team that would like to register for this event, please email Karen Byrne at: karen.byrne@dep.nj.gov.



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

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- **May 17, 2026:** NJ Sea Grant Consortium, Sandy Hook

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VETERAN FISHING TRIPS FINS FOR FREEDOM

Fins For Freedom will take place on **May 16, 2026**. The main event is a full day of New Jersey striped bass fishing combined with a fully sponsored and catered event for all of our military heroes.

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LAKE JULIANNA PLAY HOOK-E DISABLED FISHING DAY

Lake Julianna is celebrating its 10-year anniversary in 2026! Since launching in 2016, the program has grown to be one of the largest **Free** fishing events for the disabled community in Monmouth County. Disabled veterans and children look forward to making new fishing memories along with enjoying a day of food, family fun, and fishing at a private lake stocked full of big fish. You can register at [this link](#).



BECOME A JCAA VOLUNTEER

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association's Youth Education Program promotes stewardship, conservation, water safety, aquatic education, fishing, and boating for youth. Supported by volunteers and member clubs, the committee runs outreach programs in New Jersey and neighboring states, relying on knowledgeable volunteers to host events and learning sessions. Each year, notable individuals and organizations are honored with the "Youth Education Award" for their contributions.

Since 1989, the committee has introduced fishing and boating as positive alternatives for youngsters, offering over 45 years of teaching experience. Programs include partnerships with Vietnam Veterans of America and acclaimed initiatives such as RBFF's "Passport to Fishing and Boating" and F3's "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs." The committee distributes educational materials, provides equipment, and supports urban schools and military installations.

For nearly three decades, JCAA has assisted the NJ DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife at the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament and is currently promoting NJ HOFNOD programs across schools and communities. Donations, sponsorships, and volunteer time are vital to sustaining these efforts, please consider becoming an active volunteer. For more information, visit the JCAA website: <https://www.jcaa.org>.

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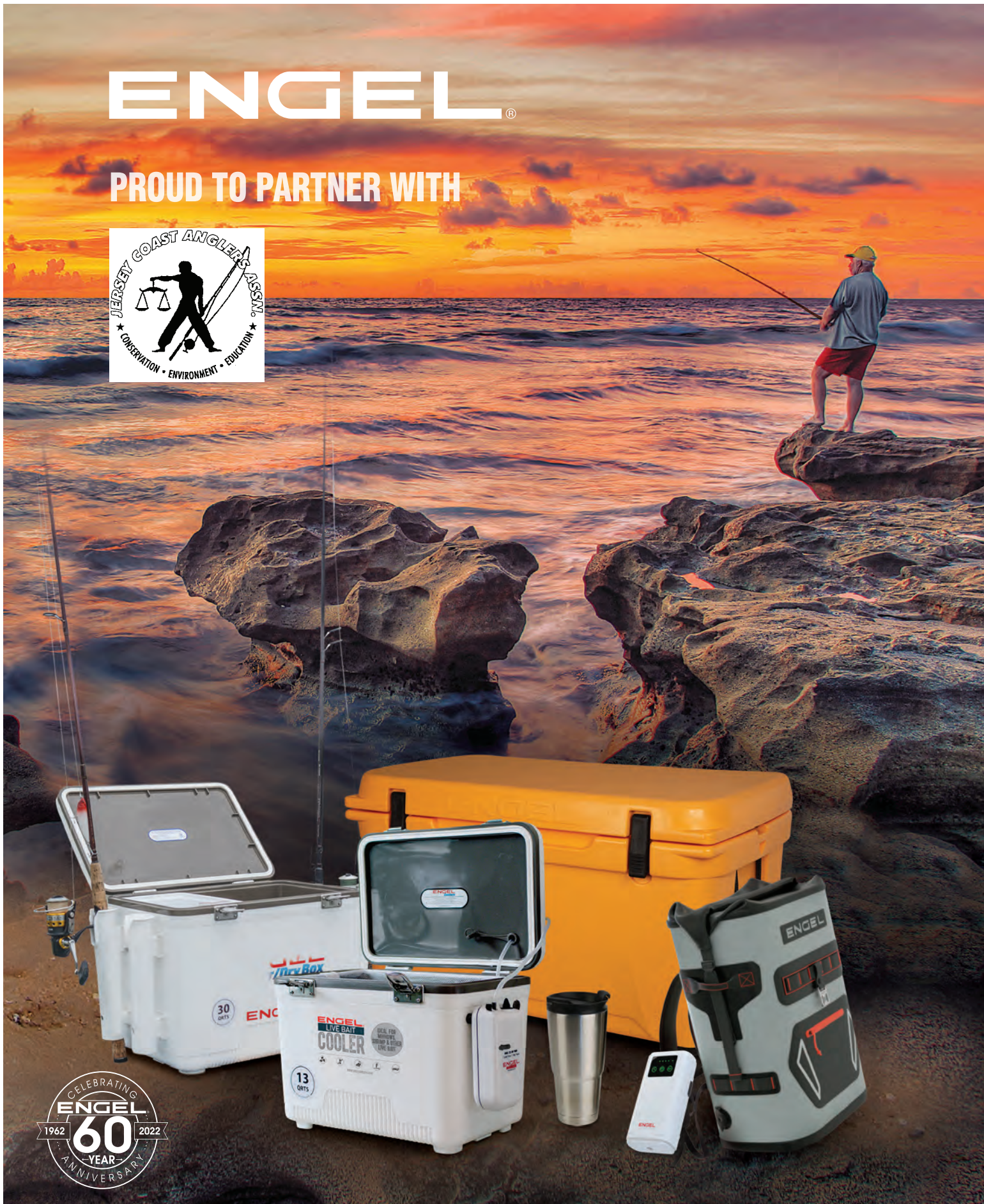
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If you would like to receive JCAA Email alerts email your Name, Club, if you belong to one, and your interest to tfote@jcaa.org or just go to the JCAA site and [subscribe](#) from there.

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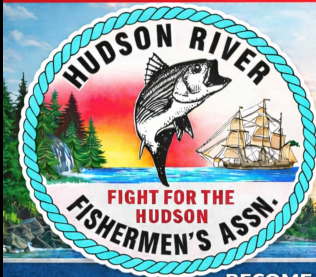
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