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October 27th, 2026, 7:00pm

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Thursday, October 8th

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IMPORTANT DATES

October 8th JCAA Board Meeting

October 27th JCAA General Meeting

November 9^h-12th ASMFC Annual Mtg. Newport RI

November 12th JCAA Board Meeting

November 14th Sportsperson-of-the-Year Dinner

November 24th JCAA General Meeting

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. For inquiries, contact JCAA Dinner Chairman John Toth at (732) 656-0139, tothjohn@verizon.net or Assistant Dinner Chairman Steve Machalaba at smachalaba@aol.com, (908) 599-1426.

**Sandy Hook Bay Anglers
Nominate Bill Di Stasio for JCAA
Sportsperson of the Year**



SANDY HOOK BAY ANGLERS
P.O. BOX 513
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, NJ 07716

August 18, 2026

Subject: Nomination of Bill Di Stasio for JCAA Sportsman of the Year

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Sandy Hook Bay Anglers, it is my distinct honor to nominate Bill Di Stasio for the JCAA Sportsman of the Year award.

Bill has long been a pillar of our organization, having previously served as Club President and continuing his leadership today as our Sponsorship Coordinator. Beyond his formal roles, Bill acts as a tireless ambassador for recreational angling, community outreach, and philanthropic service. His dedication and generosity are highlighted across several key initiatives:

Philanthropic Leadership & Tournament Sponsorships

- **Tournament & Non-Profit Fundraising:** Bill actively recruits and networks with club sponsors, significantly enhancing our fundraising capabilities for community initiatives and charity events.
- **Company Resources & Signage:** He generously leverages his own company resources to design and

produce professional signs, posters, and promotional banners for our benefit fluke tournaments and philanthropic endeavors.

- **Captains Meeting Benefit Raffle:** Prior to our annual benefit fluke tournament, Bill organizes and manages a dedicated raffle at the captains' meeting to directly fund our veterans' fishing programs.
- **Community Contributions:** Bill is instrumental in directing club contributions, when funds allow, to vital local non-profits, including The ARC, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey, and the Marine Mammal Stranding Center.

Dedicated Service to Veterans

- **Fins 4 Freedom & Club Charters:** Bill selflessly volunteers both his personal time and vessel for Fins 4 Freedom and club-organized veterans' charters, providing memorable on-the-water experiences for service members.

Public Outreach & Expo Representation

- **Saltwater Anglers Expo:** Bill dedicates significant time managing the club's presence at the expo in Edison, creating eye-catching booth visuals, promoting club activities, networking with industry sponsors, and raising awareness and funding for our veterans' charters.
- **Interactive Community Engagement:** He recently coordinated with expo organizers to run the interactive virtual fishing booth on behalf of the club, introducing and engaging the public with recreational angling.

Fellowship & Angling Spirit

- **Community Building:** Bill is a tremendous asset to the local fishing community, consistently welcoming new and existing anglers, inviting members and friends out on the water, and promoting sportsmanship and camaraderie across our region.

Bill Di Stasio embodies the very best values of sportsmanship, selfless volunteerism, and dedication to others. He is exceptionally deserving of being recognized as the JCAA Sportsman of the Year.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued leadership within our state's angling community.

Sincerely,

Tom Borkowski

President's Report

By Mark Taylor

As we transition into the fall season, target species are shifting. Although many anglers experienced challenging conditions with a low ratio of keeper-sized fish this season, they found value in simply spending time on the water. However, if conditions persist across all age classes and species—compounded by elevated fuel costs and declining forage availability, which is critical to marine ecosystem health—the situation will worsen. Recreational anglers must act now by participating in the regulatory process to prevent extended recovery timelines. Atlantic Menhaden, a key forage species currently in decline, requires immediate attention and support. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) is currently accepting public input on Atlantic Menhaden Draft Addendum II, which addresses modifications to the Chesapeake Bay Reduction Fishery Cap. The Chesapeake Bay represents one of the most vital regions for menhaden, offering abundant feeding grounds, protected nursery habitat, and a thriving ecosystem that sustains both menhaden and dependent species. For additional details, consult the articles featured in this newspaper. The final [virtual public hearing](#) on Atlantic Menhaden Draft Addendum II is scheduled for October 1st at 6:00 PM, with a comment submission deadline of October 9th. All recreational anglers are encouraged to become informed and take action on this matter.

The trajectory of recreational fishing rests in the hands of every angler. The Jersey Coast Anglers Association represents one of many organizations committed to safeguarding recreational anglers' access to and equitable utilization of our collective fisheries resources. Regrettably, numerous anglers operating on the water lack comprehensive understanding of how fisheries management functions or the methodology behind quota establishment. This knowledge gap presents a significant concern regarding the long-term viability of the sport we all cherish. Multiple pathways exist to begin your involvement. Engage in conversations with fellow anglers already participating in the management process. Conduct independent research to identify meeting schedules, deepen your knowledge of pertinent issues, and prioritize attendance. Consult articles from reputable fishing and conservation sources, and contact editors, writers, and

experienced fishing community members to enhance your comprehension of these subjects. Additionally, you may consider joining a local fishing organization or partnering with the Jersey Coast Anglers Association.

An exceptional JCAA event is approaching rapidly and deserves your attention. The **2026 Annual JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner** will take place on **November 14th**. Clubs interested in nominating a candidate should promptly submit their nominee along with a 500-word summary to Tom Fote (tfote@jcaa.org) and Vice President Steve Machalaba (smachalaba@aol.com). Nominations will be presented at the **general membership meeting** scheduled for **September 29th**, where clubs will vote to determine the deserving recipient of the prestigious 2026 JCAA Sportsperson of the Year award. The selected honoree will be celebrated at Spring Lake Manor, an elegant Victorian mansion situated in Spring Lake Heights, NJ, which provides an ideal setting for this distinguished occasion. Clubs are encouraged to reserve a table or coordinate with friends to attend as a group. Those interested in participating should contact John Toth (tothjohn@verizon.net) promptly to assist with the extensive logistical planning required for this event. Furthermore, clubs and individuals wishing to donate items for the dinner should reach out to John, Steve Machalaba (smachalaba@aol.com), or myself (mtsport64@aol.com) to help coordinate the tricky tray and silent auction components. Let us work together to make this event a tremendous success. I anticipate your attendance.

The YR2027 JCAA Officer Election period is approaching. The association actively seeks passionate individuals ready to contribute meaningfully. If you possess leadership aspirations and can commit time to an organization aligned with your values, we encourage you to pursue a JCAA Officer position. To learn more about specific roles and responsibilities, please contact any current officer, who will gladly provide comprehensive information. The official election for JCAA Officers is scheduled for December 2027. Given the organization's significant need for additional committed participants, those unable to serve as officers should explore committee membership opportunities. The JCAA and the broader recreational community depend on a robust network of engaged individuals to create meaningful impact.

All anglers should stay informed and involved. By engaging in fisheries issues and tracking key developments, the recreational fishing community can

strengthen its voice in decisions and help shape a better future for the 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.

- **October 8th at 7:30 pm:** JCAA Board Meeting
This session will be held exclusively via Zoom, allowing board members and participants to join remotely.
- **October 27th at 7 pm:** JCAA General Meeting
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.

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.

Upcoming ASMFC/NJMFC Meetings

- **Sept. 28, 2026 – 10am to 12pm** - [Atlantic Menhaden Technical Committee](#)
- **Sept. 29, 2026 – 6pm to 8pm** - [ME, NH, MA & RI Public Hearing on Atlantic Menhaden Draft Addendum II](#)
- **Sept. 30, 2026 – 1pm to 3pm** - [Tautog Age Exchange Planning Call](#)
- **Oct. 1, 2026 – 1pm to 3pm** - [Atlantic Striped Bass Steering Committee for Work Group on Future Management](#)
- **Oct. 1, 2026 – 6pm to 8pm** - [General Public Hearing on Atlantic Menhaden Draft Addendum II](#)
- **Oct. 5, 2026 – 9am to 12pm** - [Horseshoe Crab ARM Subcommittee and DE Bay Ecosystem Technical Committee](#)
- **Oct. 6 to 8, 2026 – 9am to 12pm** - Location: Sanderling Resort, NC - [Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council](#)

- **Oct. 6, 2026 – 1pm to 3pm** - [Shad & River Herring Technical Committee](#)
- **Oct. 13, 2026 – 11am to 12pm** - [Black Drum Technical Committee](#)
- **Oct. 13, 2026 – 1pm to 3pm** - [Atlantic Striped Bass Stock Assessment Subcommittee Check-In](#)
- **Oct. 28, 2026 – 10am to 12pm** - [American Eel Technical Committee and Stock Assessment Subcommittee](#)
- **Nov. 9 to 12, 2026 – 10am to 12pm** - Location: Hotel Viking, Newport, RI - [2026 Annual Meeting](#)
- **Nov. 5, 2026 – 5pm to 7pm** - [NJDEP | NJMFC Meeting](#)

It is clearly evident that numerous meetings are consistently taking place within a single commission or council that governs our involvement in fishery resources. The Recreational Community must become aware and engage actively before the sport we cherish disappears.

JCAA Member Clubs: Please Send this out to Your Members

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) has been fighting to preserve the rights of New Jersey recreational saltwater anglers since 1981. We are the only organization still in existence devoted solely to doing so.

THE JCAA NEEDS YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE DOING THIS!

The JCAA advocates for fair and equitable fishery management that promotes conservation but still allows anglers to enjoy reasonable size and bag limits and open seasons and access to coastal areas. However it seems that now we are constantly fighting with our federal fisheries management agencies that always seem to want to impose drastic restrictive measures upon us recreational fisherman, often based upon flawed and incomplete data, while favoring commercial fisheries.

The JCAA is currently fighting, together with other organizations, to demand that the Atlantic Stated Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) reduce the

quota for Atlantic Menhaden (Bunker) Reduction Fishing.

ASMFC, through its poor management practices and policies has allowed Omega Protein/Ocean Harvesters to bring Menhaden stocks almost to the point of collapse. Immediate and drastic action is needed to correct this.

The next battle is Sector Separation. ASMFC wants to give party and charter boats less restrictive regulations, (including minimum sizes, increased bag limits, longer open seasons, or a combination of these), than private boat owners and land-based fisherman. Sector Separation does nothing positive for conservation and is a waste of ASMFC resources. The JCAA opposes this.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

The JCAA needs your club to participate. JCAA Meeting are held on the last Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7 PM at the Jersey Coast Shark Anglers/Riviera Beach Boat Club Clubhouse, 385 Herbertsville Rd. Brick, NJ.

You can also participate by ZOOM. Please contact Mark Taylor, JCAA President by email at mtsport64@aol.com.

The JCAA sends out a newspaper, electronically, every month. It contains the latest fisheries news and information. Read this and make sure it is sent out to all of your club members.

You can help support the JCAA by attending our annual Sportsman of the Year Award Dinner on Saturday, November 14, 2026 beginning at 6 PM at the Spring Lake Manor, 415 Highway 71, Spring Lake, NJ. A table of 10 is \$850. There is a large selection of "Tricky Tray" and Silent Auction items as well as door prizes and a guest speaker. This is a great event, one of the JCAA's major fund raisers. We hope to see you there! Contact John Toth, Dinner Chairman at (732) 656-0139 or at tothjohn@verizon.net.

The days of just being able to have fun going fishing and not worrying about restrictive regulations, public access issues, exorbitant fees, and other issues, we are sorry to say, don't exist anymore. This is the reality of the world we live in today. We all want to be able to keep pursuing the sport that we love.

HELP THE JCAA to continue helping all of us to do so!

Stephen Machalaba
JCAA Vice President

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.

JCAA Letter:

Request for Immediate Technical Committee Analysis of New Menhaden Mortality Science

September 22, 2026

Joseph Cimino
Chair, Atlantic Menhaden Management Board
New Jersey Representative, ASMFC
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Re: Immediate direction to incorporate the new natural mortality estimate into the 2027-2029 specifications analysis

Dear Chairman Cimino:

We respectfully request that you immediately task the Atlantic Menhaden Technical Committee with incorporating the newly published natural mortality

estimate from Ault and Luo into the analyses supporting the 2027-2029 harvest specifications that will be presented to the Atlantic Menhaden Management Board in November.

The Ault and Luo paper, "Investigation of Atlantic menhaden mortality rates," estimates natural mortality, or M , at approximately 0.50 per year - substantially below the mortality assumption used in the 2025 assessment. Natural mortality is a foundational input that can materially affect estimated abundance, fishing mortality, fecundity, stock status, ecological reference points, and sustainable harvest levels.

The 2025 assessment demonstrated that the results are sensitive to this assumption: incorporating a lower mortality rate following correction of the earlier tagging analysis substantially reduced estimated biomass relative to the prior assessment. The Ault and Luo estimate is lower still. The Board should not be asked to select 2027-2029 harvest levels based only on the existing assumption without also seeing the results produced by the new peer-reviewed estimate.

This matters directly to New Jersey. Menhaden support striped bass, bluefish, weakfish, whales, seabirds, recreational fisheries, tourism, and coastal communities. As New Jersey's representative and Chair of the Board, you are positioned to ensure that the Technical Committee begins this work now, before the November decision.

Accordingly, we ask you to direct the Technical Committee immediately to complete the following work in time for inclusion in the November specification materials:

1. Incorporate $M = 0.50$, translated as appropriate into the assessment's age-specific mortality schedule, into the assessment and projection work used to develop the 2027-2029 specification options;
2. Present the resulting stock estimates, reference points, and projected outcomes alongside the results based on the existing mortality assumption;
3. Report whether the model converges and disclose any material compensating changes in recruitment or other parameters; and
4. Provide the analysis and the Technical Committee's conclusions in the public meeting

materials sufficiently in advance of the November meeting to permit meaningful review by Board members and the public.

If the $M = 0.50$ run does not converge, or requires major compensating changes in recruitment or other parameters, that result should be documented and presented to the Board. It would identify a conflict between independent biological information and the current model configuration that the Board must understand before setting a three-year specification.

Please direct the Technical Committee now to incorporate the new mortality estimate into the November specification work and confirm that direction publicly. If a credible analysis cannot be completed before the meeting, the Board should adopt an interim approach that preserves its ability to revise harvest levels when the work is finished.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to New Jersey and the Commission.

Sincerely,

Capt. Paul Eidman, President Menhaden Defenders

Mark Taylor, President, Jersey Coast Anglers Association

Stephan Machalaba, Board of directors, HiMar Striper Club

Joe Albanese, President, Hudson River Fishermen's Association

Fred Akers, Operations Manager, Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association

cc:

Caitlin Craig, Chair, Atlantic Menhaden Technical Committee

Robert Beal, Executive Director, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Toni Kerns, Fisheries Policy Director, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

James Boyle IV, Atlantic Menhaden Fishery Management Plan Coordinator

Dr. Katie Drew, Atlantic Menhaden Stock Assessment Subcommittee

New Jersey Commissioners to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Capt. Paul Eidman Comments on Chesapeake Bay Atlantic Menhaden

(Draft Addendum II)

“Thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Capt. Paul Eidman, commenting from New Jersey — the **second-largest harvester of menhaden on the East Coast**, and with that comes responsibility.

I am a Jersey based fishing guide and the founder of the non-profit group Menhaden Defenders and sit on the Jersey Coast Anglers Assoc board of directors as Forage fish chairperson.

For my 3 minutes tonight, I will keep my remarks focused specifically on Draft Addendum II.

The addendum identifies three core issues: **(1)** the Bay Cap is not linked to the TAC, **(2)** the Bay Cap does not control *when* harvest occurs, and **(3)** the Bay Cap has not been revisited regularly despite major changes in the fishery.

The document makes clear that Chesapeake Bay is a **critical nursery area** for Atlantic menhaden. It also notes troubling trends in predator species that rely on menhaden — including **striped bass, bluefish, weakfish, and spiny dogfish** — all showing signs of stress or decline (Draft Addendum II, p. 2).

I want to emphasize something that is directly supported by this addendum: what happens in Chesapeake Bay affects the entire East Coast. The Bay is the largest nursery system on the Atlantic coast, and fish that begin their lives there — especially striped bass — migrate throughout New Jersey waters and far beyond. Osprey, whose reproductive success is tied to menhaden availability, also depend on this system. When menhaden availability declines in Chesapeake Bay, the effects ripple outward. Here in New Jersey, we feel those impacts in our fisheries, our wildlife, and our coastal economy. Protecting the Bay’s forage base is not just a Chesapeake Bay issue — it is a coastwide issue, and New Jersey has a direct stake in getting this right.

The addendum shows how the Bay Cap has become increasingly misaligned with the TAC. The 20% TAC reduction in 2026 **increased the percentage of possible reduction harvest taken inside the Bay from 32% to 40%** (Draft Addendum II, p. 2). That is exactly the kind of shift the Bay Cap was designed to prevent.

The addendum also documents that **over 50% of Bay reduction landings occurred in a six-week**

window in 2023 and 2024 (Draft Addendum II, p. 2). Concentrated removals in mid-summer can affect availability to predators and other fisheries — again, directly within the scope of this amendment.

The fishery-dependent and independent data included in the addendum justify precautionary action. Pound-net CPUE declined sharply in 2024 across Maryland, PRFC, and Virginia (Draft Addendum II, p. 9). The Choptank River gillnet survey shows a **dramatic drop in adult menhaden abundance in 2024 and 2025** (Draft Addendum II, p. 12). These indicators point to reduced availability in the Bay’s nursery system.

For these reasons, I support a **meaningful reduction in the Bay Cap**, consistent with the options provided. Among the available choices, **Option B4** (a 50% reduction to 25,500 mt) or **Option C1e** (setting the Bay Cap at 13.6% of the TAC) best reflect the precautionary intent described throughout the document.

I also support establishing **quota periods** under Section 3.2. The addendum clearly shows that recent mid-summer concentration of reduction harvest may affect availability to other fisheries and predators. Quota periods are a practical tool to prevent this.

Finally, I strongly support **Option B in Section 3.3**, requiring the Bay Cap to be revisited every three years. The Bay Cap has not been adjusted since 2018 despite multiple TAC changes and new ecological information. A revisit provision is essential for adaptive management.

In summary, Draft Addendum II correctly identifies real, documented problems with the Bay Cap’s size, timing, and alignment with the TAC. The most precautionary options — **B4 or C1e**, quota periods, and a three-year revisit requirement — best address the issues raised in the document and support the ecological and fishery objectives described in Section 2.1.

Thank you for considering my comments.”

***Additional comments related to but not allowed
during the 3 minutes***

“According to the ASMFC’s own Atlantic menhaden assessment brief from September 2026, the previous assessment contained a major error. When natural mortality was corrected, the stock was shown to be **about 37% smaller** than previously estimated. Under the corrected science, the old TAC of

233,550 metric tons has a 100% probability of overfishing. That is not a debate — that is a management failure.

And we are seeing the consequences **right now in New Jersey waters. There are no adult menhaden in our schools. Almost everything is peanut-bunker sized — pre-spawn juveniles.** This distorted age structure is a direct result of years of inflated quotas built on incorrect science.

Between 2023 and 2025, the fishery harvested **hundreds of millions of extra pounds** because the TAC was wrong. Even with those inflated quotas, the fishery only landed **about 80% of the TAC in 2024,** and similar underperformance is expected in 2025.

The 20% ocean TAC cut for 2026 was a **paper cut**, not a real reduction. And the Bay Cap hasn't moved. One point keeps getting confused: **the Bay Cap is not extra quota** — it is a sub-limit inside the coastwide TAC. At 51,000 mt against a 186,840 mt TAC, it represents **27% of the entire allowable catch.** Adjusting it matters for Chesapeake Bay, but it does **not** fix the coastwide overfishing created by the assessment error.

Tonight's hearing may focus on Chesapeake Bay, but it is **directly connected** to the ASMFC's November 10 meeting, where the Commission will set **2027–2029 specifications,** consider **Addendum II for final approval,** evaluate **quota reallocation,** and review **state compliance.** What happens tonight feeds directly into those decisions. If we ignore the coastwide implications of the assessment error, we will lock in **three more years of mismanagement.**

And we need to be honest: we are witnessing the **failure to preserve the forage-fish base of the entire East Coast ecosystem.** Atlantic herring collapsed. Alewife and blueback herring continue to be discarded at sea without being recorded. For decades, nature relied on **abundant menhaden** to fill those gaps.

If menhaden collapse, there is no turning back. Osprey have already shown us what happens when the forage base disappears — everything is connected. To prevent further collapse, **the TAC needs to be well under 100,000 metric tons, to be consistent with the ERPs,** and to ensure that all living creatures that depend on menhaden for survival can do so.

Reallocation is an additional danger. Maine's landings have surged as herring collapsed, and the lobster industry wants more bait. That is real economic pressure — and a **real conservation risk.** The last three seasons show that the remaining adult, age-3-plus

spawning stock is **migrating north faster than the rest.** If quota is shifted to New England, those older fish — the brood stock — will be the first to be eliminated. If that happens, recruitment collapses and there is no path back.

Reallocation without a meaningful TAC reduction is the wrong direction, and changing state allocations requires a full addendum under Amendment 3 — not a quick decision in November.

New Jersey's coastal economy depends on forage. Our anglers, charter fleet, bait shops, and wildlife observers are already seeing the impacts.

ASMFC made the error. **ASMFC must fix it.**

I urge the Board to: – **Reduce the coastwide TAC by at least 50%,** consistent with corrected ERP science; – **Maintain an independent Bay Cap;** – And ensure reductions are **real,** not paper cuts.

The science is clear. Now the Commission needs to act.”

These comments to be submitted in writing to the ASMFC by Oct 8, 2026.

Paul Eidman

Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

By Tom Fote

Upcoming Workshops by NMFS and the Councils

When we talk about getting involved, here are two perfect examples of workshops run by NMFS and the Councils. One is learning about how the Council works with scientific information. The other is a recreational summit run every few years. I will not be at the one in January, but I will try to attend the one in March. Hope to see you there.

ASMFC Annual Meeting - November 9-12

I think you need some of my history. I am an Agent Orange Vietnam Vet. I am now fighting my third bout of cancer. There are a lot of important things on the agenda for the upcoming ASMFC Annual Meeting this

November and the draft agenda and details are available at [this link](#).

Besides the usual talk about striped bass and other subjects, there are three points to be considered. They are listed in the links below. You still have time to comment on the Menhaden Addendum. There is no comment period for some of the agenda on Menhaden; what will happen along the coast for the total allowable catch. When we were on the call commenting on the addendum we asked about public comment on this topic since there was no public hearing. Joe Cimino assured us at the public hearing that there would be opportunities to discuss our comments on the total allowable catch at the board meeting. Tony Kerns said that there would be time in the schedule since it is a two-day meeting. Since I cannot attend those meetings in person, I made them aware that they need to leave more time in the agenda for comments. I will wait to see if it happens.

The sector separation is really an attempt to divide the recreational community, pitting the charter boats and party boats against private boat owners. This would take the heat from ASMFC if we argue with one another. We absolutely need to work together on this issue. I do not know how many of the 900,000 surf anglers are being considered in these plans. We got a chance of summer flounder smaller fish on Island Beach State Park by taking a smaller bag limit because the surf anglers have a smaller chance to catch a larger fish. It is bad enough they pit members of the recreational community against the commercial community in setting of unrealistic small quotas on certain species. Black sea bass is the perfect example. If all the communities worked together and made NMFS raise the quotas as they should, there would be fish for everyone. This is another example of why we all need to get involved. Sitting on message boards doesn't accomplish what you can get done by attending meetings virtually or in person.

Look at the three agenda items plus striped bass. There is nothing stopping you from expressing your opinion on each of these agenda items. In the meeting information you will find the dates you need to get your comments in, so they are available for all the commissioners. Whenever you do this, cc the Governor of your state. When Governors get letters, they are more likely to ask questions of their commissioners.

Seeking Comments

- [Atlantic Menhaden Draft Addendum II](#)

Action Proposed

- [Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Draft Addendum XXXVII](#)
- [Recreational Sector Separation](#)

Urge ASMFC to Strengthen Chesapeake Bay Menhaden Protections

By Mike Waine, ASA

This November, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) has an opportunity to strengthen Atlantic menhaden management in the Chesapeake Bay through Draft Addendum II. For the sportfishing industry, maintaining abundant menhaden populations is both a conservation and economic priority. Menhaden provide critical forage for striped bass, bluefish, red drum, cobia and other popular sportfish, while also serving as one of the Atlantic Coast's most important recreational baits. Specifically, anglers used menhaden as bait on an estimated 13.9 million fishing days, generating approximately \$804 million in spending and supporting more than 7,200 jobs.

Given the outsized importance of menhaden to our industry, ASA supports the following actions in Draft Addendum II:

- Link the Bay Cap to the coastwide TAC. Options C1e and C2a would set the Bay Cap at approximately 13.6% of the coastwide TAC while maintaining the existing 51,000-metric-ton upper limit. At the current TAC, this would reduce the Chesapeake Bay Cap by approximately 50%, to 25,500 metric tons, and ensure Bay harvest responds to future coastwide management decisions.
- Spread harvest throughout the season. Option B2 would establish 25% / 25% / 50% quota periods, reducing the potential for concentrated harvest when forage needs may be particularly important.
- Make quota periods meaningful. Option B would require early-period overages to be deducted from the following period while allowing unused quota to roll forward, providing flexibility without undermining the seasonal limits.

- Revisit the Bay Cap every three years. Regular review would allow managers to incorporate new Chesapeake Bay-specific science and adjust management as our understanding of menhaden and predator needs improves.

Click the link below to tell ASMFC to support these science-based Chesapeake Bay menhaden management measures. Additionally, we encourage all members to attend an in-person or virtual public hearing. The full hearing schedule is included in the link below.

[Action Center - ASA](#)

NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission are pleased to announce the 2027 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit

WHO: Saltwater recreational fisheries participants and industry from across the United States

WHAT: The 2027 Summit will provide a forum for open dialogue between recreational fishermen, scientists and managers to develop a common understanding of issues facing our fisheries, collaboratively identify actionable solutions to shared priorities and strengthen rapport.

WHEN: March 23rd & 24th, 2027

WHERE: The Westin, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, Virginia

Additional information, including logistics (e.g., hotel room block, etc.), will become available as it is developed. In the meantime, please mark your calendars!

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Russell Dunn
Recreational Fisheries
Office of the Assistant Administrator
NOAA Fisheries Service
Cell: 727-249-3772
Desk: 727-551-5740

Announcing the 2027 Marine Resource Education Program Greater Atlantic Workshop

MAFMC

The Marine Resource Education Program (MREP) is accepting applications for the next Greater Atlantic Fisheries Science and Management Workshop, scheduled for January 11-15, 2027, in Falmouth, Massachusetts.

Created by fishermen, for fishermen, MREP offers a neutral look into regional fishery science and management. MREP's Greater Atlantic workshop is tailored to the area. It brings commercial, charter, and recreational fishermen from North Carolina to Maine together with regional scientists and managers to learn the processes, share insights, and network. This workshop will equip you with tools to engage in the management process and participate in collaborative science.

Attending the workshop is free for anyone who fishes or works in associated fishing industries. MREP reimburses travel costs and pays for hotel lodging and meals for accepted participants.

Space is limited, and preference will be given to applications received by November 6, 2026. Accepted participants will be notified by phone and email by late November 2026.

**Recommended arrival is on Sunday, January 10. The workshop will start on Monday morning and end early afternoon on Friday to allow for travel home on Friday evening.*

The regional program principals are available to respond to inquiries about the 2027 workshop series:

- **Hank Soule** | Sector Manager | (603) 781-9718
- **Rick Bellavance** | Charter Captain F/V Priority Too | (401) 741-5648

General questions about the program should be directed to Sophie Swetz, MREP Greater Atlantic Program Manager, at sswetzel@gmri.org or (207) 772-2321 ext. 8104.

Watch [this video](#) or visit mrep.gmri.org to learn more.

Phil Zalesak Testimony to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission

September 15, 2026

My name is Phil Zalesak. I am President of the Southern Maryland Recreational Fishing Organization, Inc.

There are only two questions facing the State of Maryland.

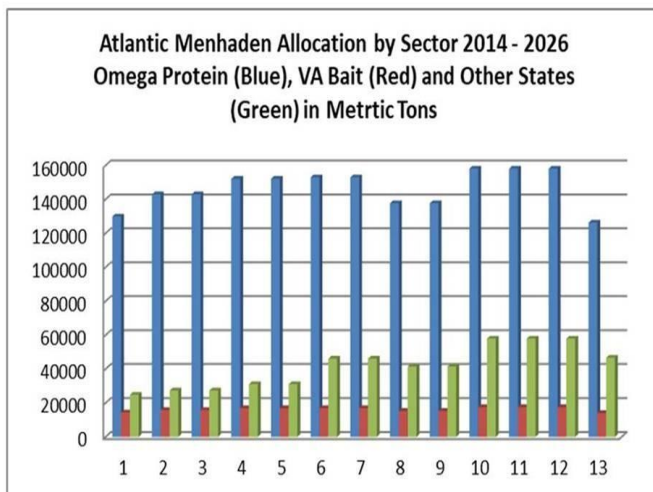
- First, is the Chesapeake Bay experiencing localized depletion of Atlantic menhaden?
- Second, if yes, is the proposed Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission amendment going to address the problem?

The answer to the first question is “Yes.”

The answer to the second question is “No.”

First, the Commission, in violation of its goals and objectives, allocated 75% of the Atlantic Coast total allowable catch to Virginia.

- The Virginia Marine Resources Commission, in violation of Virginia law, allocated 90% of its allocation to Omega Protein. That resulted in in Omega Protein receiving over 2/3 of the total allowable catch for the entire Atlantic Coast.

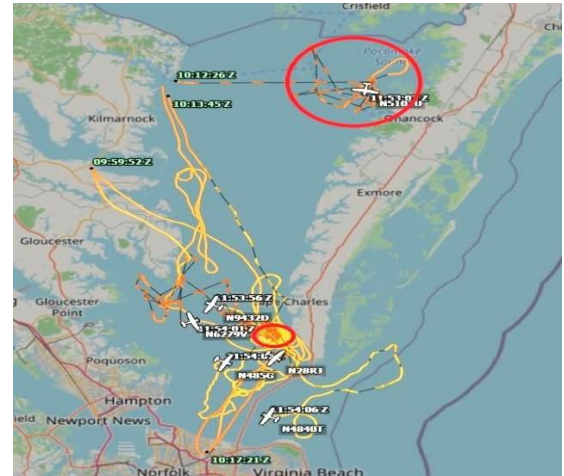


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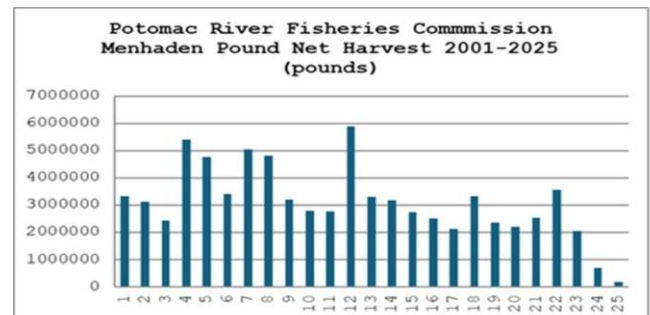
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- Omega Protein uses aircraft to track schools of menhaden in the Chesapeake Bay and cargo ships to the harvest menhaden.
- That's called localized depletion by design.



Second, 33 years ago the Potomac River Fisheries Commission established 100 pound net harvesting licenses. That is the same number today.

- The pound net harvest has declined from 6 million pounds in 2012 to less than 1 / 2 million pounds in 2025. That's over a 90% reduction in menhaden harvest.
- And that's the most significant indicator that localized depletion of menhaden is occurring in the Chesapeake Bay.



Ref: Ingrid Braun-Ricks, Potomac River Fisheries Commission, 4/22/26

Third, according to the ERP study, Striped Bass are dependent on menhaden for their survival.

- In 2016, the Maryland recreational harvest of Striped Bass was over 10.9 million pounds and resulted in over 10,000 jobs and over \$800 million in GDP.

- According to NOAA , as of 2024, the Maryland recreational harvest dropped from 10.9 million pounds to 833,000 pounds for a 92% reduction in harvest.
- If we assume just a 50% reduction in Maryland jobs and GDP, that would be a loss of 5,000 jobs and \$400 million dollars lost GDP.
- Also, Maryland's Juvenile Striped Bass index is down roughly 80% for 7 consecutive years from a long-term overage of 11.0.

Striped Bass Economic Impact to Maryland (2016)

Commercial GDP:	\$10,919,100
Commercial Jobs	584
Recreational GPD:	\$802,791,200
Recreational Jobs	10,193

Comparisons Between the Fisheries

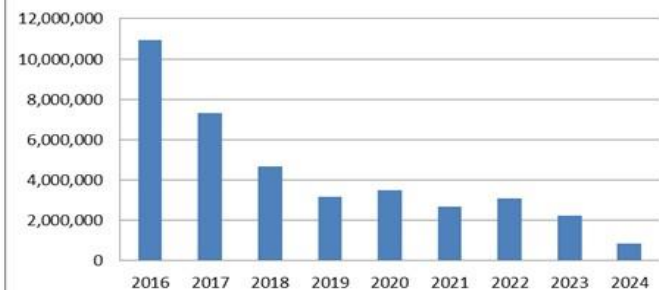
Table MD-8: Comparison of commercial and recreational impacts: Maryland 2016

	Commercial Fishery	Recreational Fishery	Total	Commercial Fishery	Recreational Fishery	Total
Pounds landed (000s)	1,709.4	10,919.1	12628.5	14%	86%	100%
Jobs supported	584	10,193	10,777	5%	95%	100%
Income (\$000s)	\$12,569.6	\$496,859.8	\$509,429.7	2%	98%	100%
GDP (\$000s)	\$17,109.7	\$802,791.2	\$819,900.9	2%	98%	100%

Ref: The Economic Contributions of Recreational and Commercial Striped Bass Fishing, Southwick Associates, 4/12/19

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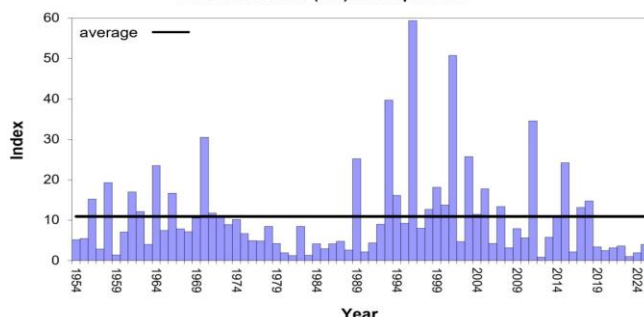
Maryland Recreational Striped Bass Harvest in Pounds



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Maryland's Juvenile Striped Bass Index Arithmetic Mean (AM) Catch per Haul



Fourth, according to Dr. Bryan Watts of William and Mary, the 2026 Osprey breeding performance was the worst ever for the Chesapeake Bay. Osprey are dependent on menhaden in the main stem of the Chesapeake Bay for their survival.

THE SOLUTION

The solution to this problem is to stop Omega Protein industrial harvesting activities in Virginia waters and limit all industrial harvesting to federal waters 3 nautical miles off the Virginia Coast.

I thank you for your time.

Phil Zalesak, President
Southern Maryland Recreational Fishing
Organization, Inc.

President Trump Announces Executive Order Elevating Saltwater Recreational Fishing

*ASA Press Release
September 18, 2026*

President Trump announced the [“Restoring America’s Saltwater Angling and Recreation”](#) Executive Order in the White House Rose Garden Thursday night. The order establishes a national policy to elevate marine recreational fishing in federal fisheries management and directs federal agencies to pursue better data and more modern management approaches, strengthen State-Federal partnerships, remove unnecessary barriers to access and advance innovative solutions for American anglers.

“This Executive Order is a historic recognition of what millions of American anglers and coastal communities have known for decades: marine recreational fishing deserves a management system built for the way Americans fish,” said Jeff Angers, president of the [Center for Sportfishing Policy](#). “By prioritizing better data, stronger state partnerships and modern management approaches, President Trump’s order builds on our conservation gains creating a path to more reliable access and opportunity in America’s oceans.”

“The American Sportfishing Association thanks President Trump for this decisive action to improve management and data collection for

America's saltwater fisheries," added Glenn Hughes, president and CEO of the [American Sportfishing Association](#). "This Executive Order will have long-term benefits for the sportfishing industry and America's 15.5 million saltwater recreational anglers." Under the Executive Order, federal agencies are directed, consistent with existing law, to:

- **Modernize recreational fisheries data collection** by evaluating outdated survey methods, expanding electronic and mobile reporting and incorporating real-time catch, effort and observational data into federal fisheries management;
- **Strengthen State-Federal partnerships and improve the use of state data**, including consideration of more precise state recreational catch-and-effort data in federal management decisions;
- **Improve recreational fisheries economic data** so the economic value of recreational fishing, for-hire fisheries and shoreside businesses is more fully considered in federal fisheries management decisions;
- **Advance technology-based approaches to marine mammal avoidance**, including directing NOAA to work with the private sector to integrate new technologies that can improve marine mammal detection and avoidance;
- **Fast-track artificial reef and habitat creation**, including establishing a federal Reef-in-Place Program for eligible offshore structures and streamlining permitting for qualifying artificial reef projects, and
- **Address shark and pinniped depredation and their impacts on recreational fishing** by improving research and coordination among federal and state fisheries managers, anglers and the recreational fishing community and advancing management strategies to reduce harmful interactions.

The order also directs federal agencies to streamline permitting, remove administrative barriers to recreational fishing and habitat projects, improve the delivery of Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration funds, and strengthen coordination of habitat restoration efforts.

The order builds on a bipartisan history of presidential support for recreational fishing. President

Bill Clinton issued Executive Order 12962 in 1995 establishing recreational fishing as a federal policy priority. President George W. Bush strengthened that order in 2008 by explicitly protecting recreational fishing as a sustainable activity on federal lands and waters.

This Executive Order recognizes the significant economic contributions of America's outdoor recreation, noting that the sector generates more than \$1.2 trillion annually, supports 5.2 million jobs and accounts for 2.4 percent of U.S. GDP. Recreational boating and fishing are the nation's largest conventional outdoor recreation activity, contributing \$38.4 billion in value added to the U.S. economy. Saltwater recreational fishing alone generates \$145.4 billion in sales impacts and supports nearly 700,000 jobs nationwide.

"President Trump is sending a clear message that America's saltwater anglers matter. Better data, modern management and stronger state partnerships can deliver what anglers and coastal communities have needed for years: healthier public fisheries and more reliable access to them," Angers continued.

"Recreational boating and fishing are the foundation of America's outdoor heritage and an important driver of our nation's recreation economy," said Frank Hugelmeyer, president and CEO of the [National Marine Manufacturers Association](#). "Today's actions further reaffirm the importance of ensuring Americans can access and enjoy our nation's waters. Access supports American manufacturing, jobs and small businesses across the country. Thank you to President Trump and his administration for recognizing the value of outdoor recreation and the American industries and communities it supports."

"We're grateful the Administration has taken this opportunity to emphasize the social and economic importance of recreational fishing," said Pat Murray, president and CEO of [Coastal Conservation Association](#). "State-based management has never been more important for our federal fisheries, and we applaud this critical need being highlighted in this Executive Order."

"America's anglers were among the nation's first and most dedicated conservationists, and this Executive Order recognizes that commitment while charting a path towards increased access to healthy fisheries," said Jeff Crane, president and CEO of the [Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation](#). "We thank President Trump for elevating recreational fishing as a national priority and look forward to working with the

Administration to turn these directives into meaningful results on the water.”

ASA and our partners have long advocated for federal fisheries policies that recognize the distinct nature of recreational fishing, improve the quality and use of data, promote innovation and provide meaningful public access to sustainably managed marine resources.



Industry leaders joined President Trump at the Rose Garden Ceremony Thursday evening. From left to right: Frank Hugelmeyer, Glenn Hughes, Jess Turner (President, Outdoor Recreation Roundtable), Brian Nesvik (Director, USFWS), Ben Speciale (President, Yamaha Marine).

JCAA Membership Report

By John Toth

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

A number of clubs still have not paid their dues. Please pay your club's dues to keep your JCAA membership active. The following are checks we have already received from clubs 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
- Fun Under Boats (FUB) - \$50
- NJ Council of Diver's Club - \$50
- Menhaden Defenders - \$100
- Sandy Hook Bay Anglers - \$300
- Berkeley Striper Club - \$300
- Forked River Tuna Club - \$500
- Fish Hawks - \$50
- Village Harbour Fishing Club - \$50
- Hudson River Fishing Association (HRFA) - \$50
- Bi-State Shad Fisherman's Association - \$300

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
- Joe Palumbo - \$500

Our next JCAA General Membership Meeting will be held on **October 27th, 2026**, at the Shark Anglers Building in Herbertsville. It will be done as an in-person meeting and by ZOOM starting at **7:00 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

2026 JCAA YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD

Thomas Devine was selected by the JCAA Youth Education Committee to receive the 2026 JCAA Youth Education Award. Please read about the nomination that was submitted by the Hi-Mar Striper Club: The Hi-Mar Striper Club of Middletown, New Jersey, nominates Thomas Devine for the 2026 Jersey Coast Anglers Association Youth Education Award. Thomas

Devine, "Tom" who also serves as Hi-Mar Striper Club's Treasurer has been successfully running Hi-Mar Striper Club's, fishing trips and other events to promote fishing by youths for over a decade. This primarily consisted of several fishing trips for youths on large local fishing charter boats, usually the Bingo out of Leonardo, New Jersey.

During this time period, Tom was running 3 - 4 trips a year for various youth groups including Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Clubs, Boy Scout Troops and others. This involved making all the arrangements with the groups, charting the boat, organizing the club members to volunteer, and arranging food and beverages. No small undertaking. Tom was also responsible for organizing fishing trips by Hi-Mar Striper Club, for various veteran's groups, during this same time period.

Below is a summary of the more recent youth fishing activities that Tom was responsible for running. Please contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.



Hi-Mar Striper Club truly believes that Tom Devine is deserving of the 2026 JCAA Youth Education Award: We hope you agree. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Stephen M. Machalaba, Vice President, Hi-Mar Striper Club.

The Atlantic Highlands Recreation Commission and Hi-Mar Striper Club of Middletown partnered up again for a successful Kid's Fishing Clinic on the evenings of August 10th, 11th, and 12th at Atlantic Highlands Municipal Marina. The event is run and organized by Atlantic Highlands Recreation Commission Chairman, Chris Parmigiani, and is intended to introduce children to fishing. Atlantic Highlands Recreation Commission provided all the

fishing rods. Hi-Mar Striper Club members under the direction of Nicholas Costeira, assisted the young anglers. The eager participants on Monday, August 10th found fishing slow with only a few fish caught, but fishing greatly improved on Tuesday and Wednesday. All the kids had fun. Hi-Mar Striper Club has been working with the Atlantic Highlands Recreation Commission on this event for several years and looks forward to continuing this in the future, to help encourage and develop the next generation of saltwater anglers.



Join us at the JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at Spring Lake Manor, to celebrate and recognize a host of individuals that go beyond to make recreational fishing better for future generations. If you would like to attend, please reach out to John Toth tothjohn@verizon.net as soon as possible.

LAKE JULIANNA FISHING PICTURE PICTORIAL

The 10th Anniversary Play HOOK-e "Kid's Wish'n to go Fish'n" (KWTGF) Take a Veteran Fishing Day, held August 22, 2026, was a remarkable success. Veterans, active-duty military personnel, youngsters, and their families enjoyed catch-and-release fishing at Lake Julianna, Ponderosa Estates Farm, Millstone, NJ. The event gave special-needs children and disabled veterans time in nature and lasting memories. Event Chair Don Marantz, Vito Cardinale of Cardinale Enterprises Inc., and Randy Johnson of Laurita Winery expanded activities for all attendees.

View the event picture pictorial and its happy faces at [Play HOOK-e](#). A big thank you to Tom Zapcic Photography.

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](#). On their first back to school fishing trip, senior students caught a variety of fish, including fluke, blowfish, and spot. Tim said, "It is going to be a great year with this group of active anglers!"



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.

SUPPORTING VETERAN ANGLERS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS



Reaching a favorite fishing spot can be challenging but Play HOOK-e from PTSD volunteers use adaptive equipment and personal assistance to help veteran anglers get there safely.

We have also received heartfelt letters from veterans' family members expressing appreciation for

the few hours of relief the program provides from caregiving responsibilities. Many of these caregivers face age-related challenges of their own. Thank you to all our Play HOOK-e volunteers who donate time to support our veterans and their families.



View a recent article in Princeton Magazine about Hooked on Fishing at this [link](#).

START A HOFNOD FISHING TEAM

Interested in starting a Hooked on Fishing Team? Complete the [survey](#) to be notified about the next training. Host Site Registration will open on January 5, 2027. Start now to plan your training.



We need the support of your club and its members

Your club should be a member of JCAA and make a difference for only \$50 a year. Your club will have a voice in all JCAA positions that affect your fishing future. Your club will receive up-to-date information on vital issues each month. Look for [club membership link](#) on the JCAA home page or complete application below.

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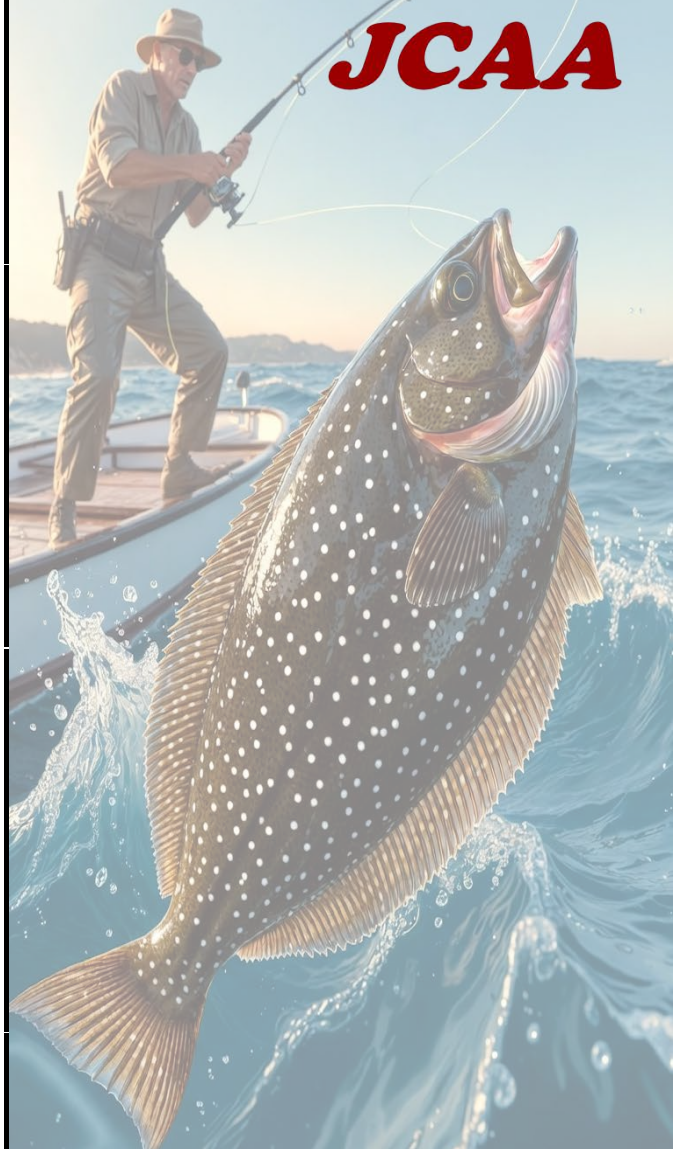
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