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"WORKING FOR MARINE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS"

JCAA REGULAR MEETING

November 25th, 2025, 7:30pm

Jersey Coast Shark Anglers Building
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November 25th JCAA General Meeting

December 11th JCAA Board Meeting

December 30th JCAA General Meeting

January 8th JCAA Board Meeting

January 27th JCAA General Meeting

February 12th JCAA Board Meeting

February 24th JCAA General Meeting

February 25th-March 1st Atlantic City Boat Show

March 12th JCAA Board Meeting

March 13th-15th Saltwater Fishing EXPO

JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner Recap

By John Toth

The JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner was held on **Saturday evening on November 8th** and I think everybody attending it had a good time! The dinner started at 5:00 p.m. at the Captain's Inn located at 304 E. Lacey Rd., Forked River, starting with cocktails, appetizers and a sit-down dinner with a choice of 4 entrees: prime rib, a broiled seafood combo, chicken marsala and pecan salmon and dessert.

We had approximately **50 Door Prizes, 60 Tricky Tray prizes** and a silent auction along with a 50/50 for the lucky winner that won about \$500.

Our speaker for this dinner was **Nick Honachefesky**, a major figure in the recreational fishing industry who is well known to many of us since he is a prolific writer on various fishing issues. Nick talked about how important recreational fishing is to all of us and he also pointed out that some of the media is giving misleading information on recreational fishing that is damaging to our sport.

Stan and Greg Cudnik of Fisherman's Headquarter received the JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Award. Both were nominated by the Village Harbour Fishing Club. Stan reminisced how much he and his son loved their fishing business

Bill Morgan received the JCAA Youth Education Award. Bill was nominated by the Berkeley Striper Club. Bill talked about how important it is to him and to all of us to bring young people involved into recreational fishing.

About 83 people were in attendance and many if not most of us walked away with Door and Tricky Tray prizes. The appetizers were very tasty and plentiful, and they almost made you feel full before you ate dinner! I did not hear one complaint about the food that was served.

This dinner did not come together by magic, and it takes a lot of effort and time to put it all together. I want to **THANK** Don Marantz, Al Marantz, Karen Noe and Steve Machalaba for all of their dedication to make this dinner to be enjoyed by all of us!

Most importantly besides the food and prizes, we had a night of fun together with our fishing friends and recognized individuals who have done so much for the recreational fishing industry. The JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner is rather unique in that it brings people from various clubs together and it gives us an opportunity to interact with each other and enjoy being together to celebrate the sport that we all love and want to prosper.

President's Report

By Mark Taylor

As December arrives along with colder weather, many dedicated recreational anglers continue to pursue their preferred species despite challenging conditions. Their commitment to fishing in adverse weather and rough seas is commendable, especially when their catch provides for their families. While I am relatively inexperienced in this area, I appreciate the opportunities it presents. It is advisable for all participants to prioritize safety, regardless of whether fishing from shore or by boat.

As the holiday season approaches, numerous retailers and local bait and tackle shops are offering special sales. This is an opportune time to express appreciation for those who diligently provide the supplies that support your enjoyment of recreational fishing throughout the year. Many of these businesses actively engage in fisheries advocacy and work toward ensuring the sustainability of resources on behalf of the broader community, whereas some individuals in the recreational sector do not participate as frequently. It is important for all members of the community to become

more involved and not depend solely on a small group of dedicated individuals to maintain opportunities for recreational activities.

JCAA no longer operates from its Wall Township office; all our possessions have been moved to storage units in Belmar. As your Association, JCAA hoped that more people would volunteer, but I want to express my gratitude to those who dedicated their valuable time to help with this transition. These volunteers worked countless hours, and everyone should thank them when you see them. Special thanks go to Don Marantz, Frank Macalik, Karen Noe, Steve Machalaba, Al Marantz.

The JCAA recently held the 2025 Sportsperson of the Year Dinner on November 8th at the Captain's Inn in Lacey, NJ. I extend my sincere appreciation to Chairperson John Toth for overseeing and coordinating this event in my absence, as well as to the dedicated team who assisted him. I am grateful to all attendees for their support of JCAA and am pleased to have received positive feedback indicating that the evening was highly enjoyable. I understand that the guest speaker **Nick Honachefsky** was amazing. My thanks also go to the Captain's Inn for graciously hosting our event and for their continued support of JCAA. For further information, please refer to John Toth's article in this newsletter.

JCAA will have a booth at both the **Atlantic City Boat Show** (February 25th to March 1st) and the **Saltwater Fishing Expo** (March 13th-15th). We are seeking volunteers to help staff our booth at each event. It's very important for the JCAA to have a presence and engage with members of the recreational community attending these shows. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact me so I can schedule you for your preferred time and date. I can be contacted at mtsport64@aol.com or (732) 245-9445. Please let me know as soon as possible, as I need volunteer names several weeks before the shows in order to arrange free passes.

Any saltwater fishing club or individual interested in joining can reach out to JCAA Membership Secretary John Toth at (732) 656-0138 or tothjohn@verizon.net for more information. Existing member clubs should also contact John with their updated details and dues to stay informed about meetings and fishery alerts.

JCAA is conducting elections for its 2026 Officers who will lead the association forward. Individuals interested in serving as officers are encouraged to contact Don Martanz at (908) 347-1434.

JCAA seeks increased participation from committed members to help sustain the organization's strength in advocating for the rights of recreational fishermen through equitable and fair fisheries management. The association is dedicated to conservation, education, and promoting practices that ensure the sustainability of our fisheries for future generations. Additionally, JCAA works to enhance opportunities for anglers and improve public access. Your involvement is essential to the continued success of the association.

Essential Actions for Recreational Anglers:

- **Participate in the Recreational Community**

Active involvement within the recreational fishing community strengthens the collective voice and ensures that the interests of recreational anglers are represented. Whether through volunteering, attending events, or supporting local bait and tackle shops, every contribution helps maintain and improve recreational fishing opportunities. Your participation not only benefits you but also supports ongoing efforts for conservation, education, and advocacy.

- **Communicate Your Views**

Sharing your perspectives and experiences is vital for effective representation within the recreational fishing sector. By expressing your views to association leaders, attending meetings, and engaging in discussions, you help shape the future of recreational fisheries management. Open communication encourages transparency and fosters a sense of community among anglers, ensuring that diverse viewpoints are considered in decision-making processes.

- **Contribute to the Future of Recreational Fishing**

Each individual's involvement plays an important role in sustaining the future of recreational fishing. By volunteering, participating in elections, and supporting the association's initiatives, anglers contribute to the ongoing strength and success of the Jersey Coast Anglers Association. These efforts promote fair fisheries management, enhance opportunities for all anglers, and ensure the sustainability of fishery resources for generations to come.

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

A Fisherman's Concerns About the NESE Pipeline

By Capt. Paul Eidman

I work Raritan Bay, Raritan River, Shrewsbury River and the Navesink River very often. If you live off this water, you know the bottom, the fish, and the tides — and you know when something new might put all that at risk.

The newly approved but not yet final NESE project isn't only about laying 26" pipe under Raritan Bay. It also calls for a big new compressor station in New Jersey (Compressor Station 206) to push gas through the line. Williams/Transco, the pipeline owners, will run the station's turbines and other equipment, and when pressure needs to be released, they do "blowdowns" that send gas and other emissions into the air. The NJDEP application and project pages describe the proposed CS-206 and the offshore pipeline work.



This isn't the only dirty compressor station in the state. Transco already operates compressor facilities in New Jersey — for example Compressor Station 303 in Roseland, Compressor Station 505 in Neshanic Station, and Compressor Station 205 in Mercer County — and other Transco projects and proposals add or change stations around the state. That means New Jersey communities already live and breathe the filth from several compressor sites.

Compressor stations emit nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, and other pollutants from gas turbines, engines, and diesel equipment. These pollutants aren't just air problems — what goes up eventually comes down. Particles and chemical residues settle on shorelines, wetlands, and into the water, where they can stress clams, crabs, baitfish, and the nurseries that feed our sport and commercial fisheries. Studies and regulatory filings show compressor stations are a common source of local air pollution, and public health and environmental reviews flag risks from their emissions.

There's also an unfair geography to this plan. The NESE pipeline moves Pennsylvania fracked gas to supply New York City and downstate New York, while the heavy construction, compressor station, air, and water impacts happen in New Jersey. The gas and market benefits flow to New York customers and pipeline companies, while New Jersey towns and waterfront workers would shoulder a lot of the pollution and risk. That gap — who gets the fuel and who gets the smoke — is something we can't ignore. (Permits and news coverage of the approvals note the primary delivery points and the staging of construction and facilities.)

And here's the part that keeps me up at night: The submarine pipeline installation will dredge up roughly 1 million cubic yards of sediment in Raritan Bay — mud loaded with carcinogenic toxins like dioxin, mercury, lead, arsenic, and copper. Anyone who fishes these waters knows the bay bottom has a long industrial history. When you churn it up, those poisons don't stay put. They enter the fish that we eat. They spread into the water column, pollute and bury shellfish beds, smother juvenile fish habitat, and foul the very nurseries that support fluke, blackfish, weakfish, and striped bass. This isn't just "turbidity." This is toxic sediment re-suspension on a massive scale.

Out in Raritan Bay, crews will also drive piles, hammer and pin pipes into the bottom, and clear routes across productive grounds. Disturbing contaminated sediments can wreck nursery areas where shellfish, fluke, and striped bass grow. Once those grounds are harmed, recovery can take years — and in some cases they never fully bounce back.

I'm not against jobs or keeping the lights on. But I'm tired of seeing the same pattern: Pennsylvania supplies the gas, the pipeline company takes the profit, New York gets the fuel, and New Jersey gets the compressor station, the construction, and the pollution.

We need clear proof — real monitoring, strict limits, and real benefits for the communities taking the risk — before anyone breaks ground. Remember: **you can't rebuild a bay or replace contaminated fish.**

What's next? As the new governor transitions in, we need to clearly express our opposition to this project and ensure the NJDEP understands the very real, very permanent consequences it could have on the bay, the fisheries, and the people who depend on both.

Environmental Advocates Sue NY, NJ over Pipeline Approval

By Mona Zhang, Politico Pro, 11/19/2025

A coalition of environmental nonprofits is suing New York and New Jersey over both states' decisions to green-light a gas pipeline.

The advocates are challenging the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's approvals of water quality certifications for the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project, which would expand the gas pipeline through Pennsylvania and New Jersey to New York, and supply National Grid customers in New York City and Long Island.

"Playing politics with clean water endangers all New Yorkers," Roger Downs, conservation director of the Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter, said in a statement. "We cannot compromise our laws and scientific principles just to appease the Trump administration's overreach."

Both New York and New Jersey have previously denied water quality permits to the Williams Transco project. The expansion looked all but dead until it was revived by the Trump administration, which is championing fossil fuels over renewable energy generation.

The details: In New York, groups including the Sierra Club, Food & Water Watch, the Natural Resources Defense Council and NY/NJ Baykeeper [filed a lawsuit](#) Tuesday in the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals over the DEC's decision to grant a water quality certification. The DEC denied water quality permits for the project in 2018, 2019 and 2020.

In [a letter to Transco](#), the DEC said that granting the water quality permit to the NESE project would violate the state's landmark 2019 climate law's greenhouse gas emissions targets — but that it was

granting the permit anyway due to a "reliability need." Shawn LaTourette, New Jersey's commissioner of environmental protection, [told POLITICO's E&E News that Williams had made changes](#) to comply with New Jersey's environmental laws.

"DEC's approval is a 180-degree reversal – in 2020 it denied the exact same application," Susan Kraham, managing attorney for Earthjustice's Northeast region, said in a statement. "There's nothing different in the substance of this application that shows that this project is any more likely to comply with the water quality standards than it was the last time around."

In New Jersey, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) [filed a similar lawsuit](#), as did groups including [the Princeton Manor Homeowners Assn.](#), Central Jersey Safe Energy Coalition and New Jersey League of Conservation Voters Education Fund. They are challenging the DEP's decision to grant a water quality certification to NESE, which the same agency rejected in 2019 and 2020. The Princeton Manor Homeowners Association's homes are within half a mile from the proposed compressor station.

DEC declined to comment on pending litigation, and DEP did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

While such agency decisions are normally challenged in state court, interstate pipelines that are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission must be challenged in a federal appeals court under the National Gas Act.

More context: The DEC pipeline approval is just one of several recent actions by New York Gov. Kathy Hochul's administration [eliciting ire from environmental advocates](#), who are also upset by a deal with a gas-powered crypto mining operation and a decision to delay implementation of a law requiring the electrification of new buildings.

Three climate-focused groups, including one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit, [endorsed her primary challenger](#) Lt. Gov. Antonio Delgado this month.

What's next: The project isn't ready to break ground yet; it still needs a 404 permit from the Army Corps of Engineers and needs to submit plans before it can begin construction.

Kraham doesn't expect the case to be briefed before next year and said plaintiffs would consider additional legal action if the project is ready to break ground.

[Click here](#) for link to original article.

Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

By Tom Fote

I am running two articles from last month's newspaper about our new newspaper ad program and the crisis at JCAA. Please take the time to read these articles. You miss a lot when you read the newspaper on your phone. Try to open it on your computer. I talk about donating money to JCAA. We have not been operating in the black for the last few years. We will be at shows selling raffle tickets and you can buy your tickets then.

I really had a great time at The JCAA Dinner and saw a lot of old friends. Nick Honachefsky, a major figure in the recreational fishing industry, gave a great speech and pointed out several things that are important. The food was great and plentiful. JCAA gave away a lot of prizes. We had a lot of room for more people and hope to see some of you there next year. It is open to the public, and you might find a club you would like to join.

ASMFC Annual Meeting

I attended the ASMFC Meeting in Dewey Beach and I will cover information from two of the boards I attended. I will include the summaries from the Striped Bass Board and the Tautog Board. I did not include all the motions and the charts. There is a link under the meeting summaries that will give you all the information and all the motions and the tables.

Striped Bass

The Striped Bass Meeting was interesting. Maryland charter Boat Association and the Waterman's Association chartered buses to come to the meeting and almost filled the entire room. The Board finally came to their senses and left us at status quo. I put just the summary, but you should read the motions. They are going to do Amendment 3 and try to figure out what comes next. It was good to attend a Commission Meeting and see many of the commissioners.

Menhaden

The room was packed by the Menhaden reduction boat workers. They came by buses from Virginia. The Atlantic Menhaden Board reduces the 2026 TAC by 20% and initiates an Addendum for Chesapeake Bay

Cap. There should have been more of a reduction but to find out more, go to full release. There were many people who were disappointed. It appears the menhaden fishery doesn't play by the same rules that the Striped Bass Board does. The Technical Committee's data showed the Board that stocks were overestimated. The reduction boats have been harvesting too many menhaden for years. Most people expected the Board to call for a bigger reduction going forward but the Menhaden Board seems to have its own rules. I was not surprised Omega Protein buys enough influence in the legislature in Virginia to insulate them from the rules. For years, Virginia has threatened to leave ASMFC if the Board doesn't treat the reduction boats with Kid Gloves! I know if this was any recreational species and we have this type of overfishing; we would have seen a dramatic cut for several years. I look forward to some articles from JCAA on this very issue. Last month I wrote about Len Fantasia's Menhaden Project in NJ. We need another committee to do the same work coastwide. We need to stop attacking each other and stick together in the recreation community. Striped Bass has put this recreational community at odds, and we need to stop.

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Meeting Summaries

October 27 - 30, 2025

Visit the meeting summary landing page at [this link](#). A summary of all the board meetings, press releases and motions from the 2025 Annual Meeting can be downloaded from [this link](#).

Atlantic Menhaden Management Board

Press Release: ASMFC Atlantic Striped Bass Board Approves Addendum III Without Reductions in Fishery Removals

New Work Group Planned to Address Long-Term Management and Stock Concerns

Dewey Beach, DE – The Commission's Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board approved Addendum III to Amendment 7 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Atlantic Striped Bass. The Addendum modifies requirements for commercial tagging programs, implements a standard method of measuring total length for size limit regulations, and

allows Maryland to change its Chesapeake Bay recreational season baseline if the state so chooses.

The Board decided not to move forward with the proposed 12% reduction in fishery removals after lengthy deliberation. The Board reviewed the preliminary estimates of 2025 recreational catch through June, which were lower than anticipated and suggested that the projections may have underestimated the probability of rebuilding by 2029 and overestimated the reductions necessary to rebuild. The Board noted that the over 4,000 public comments they received on the draft addendum were sharply divided on the issue, as was the Board itself. Ultimately, the Board maintained current recreational measures and commercial quotas, noting the severe economic consequences of the proposed reduction, the low fishing mortality rate in 2024, and preliminary indications of lower catch in 2025. However, the Board continued to express concern about the seven consecutive years of low recruitment in Chesapeake Bay and the impact on the stock as those weak year-classes become the majority of the spawning stock biomass after 2029. To address this, the Board approved the establishment of a Work Group to consider these upcoming stock and management challenges beyond 2029. The Board will further discuss the specific tasks and timing of this Work Group at subsequent Board meetings.

For commercial tagging, the Addendum requires states to tag commercially harvested fish by the first point of landing. Previously, states could choose the point of tagging, including tagging at the point of sale. This change to when tagging occurs addresses concerns that waiting to tag fish until the point of sale could increase the risk of illegal harvest. The three states that will need to switch their tagging program from point of sale to point of landing have until the end of 2028 to make that change due to the extensive administrative and programmatic transition needed.

For measuring total length, the Addendum specifies that when measuring total length of a striped bass it must be a straight-line measurement with upper and lower fork of the tail squeezed together. This definition applies to both sectors. This new definition addresses concerns that the previous lack of a standard definition was potentially undermining the intended conservation, consistency, and enforceability of the coastwide size limits, especially for narrow slot limits. States that do not have the new definition in place

already have until January 1, 2027 to make changes to their state regulations.

For Maryland’s Chesapeake Bay recreational fishery, the Board approved Maryland’s ability to change its recreational season baseline (i.e., the timing, type, and duration of striped bass closures throughout the year) if the state so chooses. Maryland is considering changing its season baseline to simplify its Chesapeake Bay regulations as well as re-align access based on stakeholder input and release mortality rates. The new baseline is estimated to be net neutral calculated to maintain the same level of removals as compared to 2024. Maryland will notify the Board of its decision by December 31, 2025 in its state implementation plan.

Addendum III will be available in November on the Commission website at [this link](#) under News and Resources. For more information, please contact Emilie Franke, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at efranke@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.

Meeting Summary

In addition to selecting measures for and approving Addendum III, the Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board received a report from the Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) on commercial tagging.

The LEC was tasked with reviewing the Plan Review Team’s Commercial Tagging Ten-Year Review Report and discussing any further LEC recommendations on point of tagging and potential improvements to state tagging programs. The LEC discussed that the current state programs are effective and each in their own way offer a level of protection to the resource and meet the spirit of the FMP. On point of tagging, the LEC noted that management measures in the ocean fishery creating different size and possession limits between sectors gives law enforcement the ability to clearly define a commercial take from a recreational take, which reduces the enforcement concern in a point-of-sale program. Point of sale or point of landing tagging is less desirable for enforcement in states that are managed through individual quotas, and/or that allow for multiple commercial limits on board a vessel, or that have overlapping size limits between the commercial and recreational fishery. In these instances, states should strongly consider point of harvest tagging. If a point of landing provision were to be considered more widely, law enforcement would recommend that a clear and consistent definition of landing be used. On tag distribution, the LEC does not have any major concerns

with how states are managing their respective tag distribution. On tag accountability, the LEC noted all jurisdictions have a process in place to account for the lost, damaged, or delinquent tags. For potential improvements to state tagging programs, the LEC noted the importance of being able to trace a tag back to the harvester.

For more information contact Emilie Franke, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at efranke@asmfc.org.

Tautog Management Board

Press Release: Tautog Regional Assessments Update Shows Varied Stock Status by Region

Dewey Beach, DE – The Commission’s Tautog Management Board reviewed the results of 2025 Regional Stock Assessments Update, which found stock status varied by region. Tautog were not overfished in the Massachusetts-Rhode Island (MARI), Long Island Sound (LIS), and New Jersey and New York Bight (NJ/NYB) regions, but were overfished in the Delaware-Maryland-Virginia (DMV) region. Tautog were not experiencing overfishing in the MARI or LIS regions but were experiencing overfishing in the NJ-NYB region and DMV region.

Table 1. Stock status of tautog in the MARI, LIS, NJ-NYB, and DMV regions.

Region	Spawning Stock Biomass			Status
	Target	Threshold	2024	
MARI	6,143 mt	4,595 mt	9,572 mt	Not overfished
LIS	9,799 mt	7,349 mt	13,718 mt	Not overfished
NJ-NYB	7,910 mt	5,929 mt	7,900	Not overfished
DMV	4,400 mt	3,236 mt	2,687 mt	Overfished
Retrospective adjustment applied to SSB for all regions				
Region	Fishing Mortality			Status
	Target	Threshold	2024	
MARI	0.27	0.46	0.26	Not overfishing
LIS	0.25	0.35	0.25	Not overfishing
NJ-NYB	0.20	0.33	0.44	Overfishing
DMV	0.18	0.29	0.36	Overfishing
Retrospective adjustment applied to F for all regions.				

Stock status did not change for the MARI or LIS regions from the 2021 update but did change for the NJ-NYB and DMV regions. The NJ-NYB region went from being overfished but not experiencing overfishing in the 2021 update to not being overfished but experiencing overfishing in this update. The DMV region was previously not overfished or experiencing overfishing but was considered overfished and experiencing overfishing in the 2025 update.

All regions showed patterns in fishing mortality and spawning stock biomass (SSB), with MARI, LIS, and NJ-NYB assessments overestimating fishing mortality and underestimating SSB, while the pattern was reversed in the DMV region, compared to the 2021

update. Based on the [Commission's policy](#), the Stock Assessment Subcommittee adjusted both fishing mortality and SSB for all regions to account for this pattern, which changed stock status for some regions.

Since the 2021 update, recruitment has increased in the LIS and NJ-NYB regions, and MARI shows a slight increase in SSB. In the DMV, fishing mortality had been low since 2012 before reaching a peak in 2021 followed by a sharp decline thereafter. Total removals have increased in all regions, driven primarily by increases in recreational harvest.

In response to the assessment findings, the Board initiated an addendum to address changes in stock status for NJ/NYB and DMV. The Draft Addendum will also consider allowing for the MARI and LIS regions to modify management for precautionary or alignment purposes.

The 2025 Regional Stock Assessments Update as well as a detailed overview of the update will be available at [this link](#) under News and Resources. For more information on the update, please contact Katie Drew, Stock Assessment Team Lead, at kdrew@asmfc.org; and for more information on tautog management, please contact James Boyle, FMP Coordinator, at jboyle@asmfc.org.

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.

JCAA in Crisis

By Tom Fote

I know Mark covered some of this issue in his President's Report. We have to move out of our existing office, creating additional expenses. We are not going to be able to find an office for the price of our current space, but we can no longer use this space due to problems with the building. This is a time when JCAA treasury is not in good shape. We are running at a \$10,000 deficit already this year. We don't have the funds we had years ago and unless we begin generating more funds through ads or contributions, we will be closing up shop in a couple of years. We also need the support of individuals from the clubs to begin serving on committees at JCAA. JCAA used to have 30 – 40 people involved at every meeting and sometimes had even more. We used to have full committees working on issues of importance. We are down to 8 people doing all the work to keep JCAA alive. We want to begin working on several issues but don't have the people to get the work done. Also, five of the eight are over 78. We need younger members to get involved. I know this sounds like I am beating a dead horse, but we get no responses. Please call one of the JCAA board members if you are at all interested in getting involved. Here are a few of the things JCAA has accomplished working with other organizations:

- Ended reduction boats fishing in state waters and pushed boats further offshore.
- Ended dumping of chemicals in the waters off New Jersey.
- Ended the garbage dumping by New York off New Jersey.
- Ended the burning of pilings using rubber tires off New Jersey.
- Helped secure public access on the walkway along the Hudson River.
- Many public access battles won.
- Prevented the drilling for oil off New Jersey.
- **Made striped bass a no-sale fish in New Jersey.**

- Worked on highly migratory species for many years including holding workshops.
- Helped start Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs.
- Started the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament
- Had JCAA members serving on ASMFC, MAFAC, NJMFC, Governor's transition teams, Keep It Green Coalitions, Federal and State Advisory Committees on species and environmental issues, Governor's Mercury Taskforce, HMS boards and coalitions at the Federal and State level, ASA Government Affairs since its inception.

If you want that list to continue to grow, we need your help.

JCAA Membership Report

By John Toth

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

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

- Berkeley Striper Club - \$50
- Menhaden Defenders - \$100
- Forked River Tuna Club - \$250
- Raritan Bay Fishing Club - \$150

Sponsorships have been received from:

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

Year 2025 is rapidly coming to a close and a number of clubs still have not paid their JCAA membership dues. Please send in your club dues to the address below.

Jersey Coast Anglers Association
P.O. Box 1191
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Our next JCAA General Membership meeting be on **November 25th, 2025**, and it will be held as an in-person meeting at the Shark Anglers Building in Herbertsville and by ZOOM starting at 7:30 p.m.

Youth Education Report

By Greg Kucharewski

BILL MORGAN BERKELEY STRIPER CLUB 2025 JCAA YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD

This year, Bill Morgan from the Berkeley Striper Club received the JCAA 2025 Youth Education Award at the JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Awards Dinner.

Bill Morgan takes immense pride in connecting children and families to learn about our natural resources and creates an opportunity for youngsters and their families to enjoy fishing well into the future. We were proud to present the 2025 JCAA Youth Award to Mr. Bill Morgan for all his hard work over the years.



SUPPORT LOCAL TACKLE DEALERS

Don't wait till the fish are biting to have rod and reel repairs done. January, February, and March are the perfect months to get your equipment ready for the 2026 fishing season.

During the holidays, please stop by your local tackle dealer and check out their bargain bins. You never know what you will find. Many dealers offer gift certificates for rods/reels and new gear. Tip: Shop locally and [visit our tackle dealers](#) list for veteran discounts.

VETERAN OUTREACH

We thank the Jersey Coast Shark Anglers and VVA Chapter 12, Play HOOK-e hosting their 2nd Annual veteran fishing trip on the Debra Ann out of Belmar, NJ. The membership of JCSA along with the three volunteer mermaids Karen Noe, Michele Kohler and Cara did an excellent job of organizing the annual event along with making veterans feel welcome on the fishing trip.

Karen Noe is doing a great job of connecting veterans at local fishing shows and community events. Karen talks to veterans about getting outside and learning about the Play HOOK-e from PTSD fishing program.

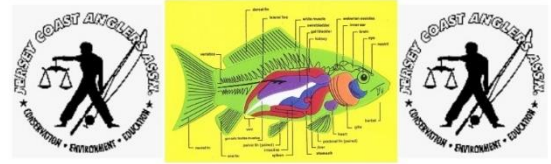


The following is a list of past recipients:

1996 - Newark Bait & Flycasting Club
 1997 - Dr. Eleanor Bochenek
 1998 - Manasquan Fishing Club
 1999 - New Jersey Beach Buggy Association
 2000 - Tom Fote, JCAA
 2001 - Friends of Island Beach State Park
 2002 - Shore Surf Club
 2003 - Rosemary Beales, Marine Education
 2004 - Shark River Surf Anglers
 2005 - Absecon Saltwater Sportsmen
 2006 - Hudson River Fishermen's Assn.
 2007 - HiMar Striper Club
 2008 - Paul Harris, NJBB Association
 2009 - Berkley Striper Club
 2010 - Al Lorenzo, Saltwater Anglers of Bergen County
 2011 - New Jersey Chapter Trout Unlimited
 2012 - Jeff Johnson/Father-Time Organization
 2013 - George Foreman, Assn. of Surf Angling Clubs
 2014 - Don Marantz, Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club
 2015 - Tim Burden, New Jersey Beach Buggy Assn.
 2016 - Carl Bruger, Hudson River Fishermen's Assn.
 2017 - NJ State Federation of Sportsmen Clubs
 2018 - Boating Education and Rescue
 2019 - Liz Jackson, NJ DEP Fish and Wildlife
 2020 - Covid Year
 2021 - Tim Brennan, Brick Memorial High School
 2022 - Ken Rylak, Fish Hawks Saltwater Anglers Club
 2023 - Paul and Joyce Lenzo, Forked River Tuna Club
 2024 - Ken Hollins, New Jersey Beach Buggy Assn.
 2025 - Bill Morgan, Berkeley Striper Club



Hooked On Lunch and Learn Fish Anatomy Puzzle



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LUNCH AND LEARN FOR KIDS

If you are a JCAA member club and would like a copy of the “Hooked On Lunch and Learn” Fish Anatomy game, along with details of where to order materials, send us an email. The JCAA Fish Anatomy game is for middle school students. The game is designed to teach students about the parts of a fish and how they can successfully catch fish by knowing more about fish anatomy. It’s a fun game and students can learn the parts of a fish and win prizes.



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