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"WORKING FOR MARINE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS"

JCAA REGULAR MEETING

March 26th, 2024, 7:30pm

Jersey Coast Shark Anglers Building
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NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 12th

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IMPORTANT DATES

March 26th JCAA General Meeting

April 6th NJ Opening Day for Trout

April 12th JCAA Board Meeting

April 29th-May 2nd ASMFC Spring Meeting

April 30th JCAA General Meeting

May 9th JCAA Board Meeting

May 19th Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament

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May 28th JCAA General Meeting

2024 & 2025

Fluke Regulations Set

By Paul Haertel

It was standing-room-only at the Galloway Public Library for the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council meeting on 3/7/24. There were another 145 people who attended via webinar. The big item on the agenda was that the fluke regulations were going to be set for both 2024 and 2025. Those who attended in person were given the first opportunity to voice their opinions on the six options, followed by those who attended via webinar. Almost everyone spoke in favor of option 32 with 3 fluke at 18" or greater and a season beginning on 5/4 and ending on 9/25. Jeff Brust, Chief of our Bureau of Marine Fisheries also reported that they had received over 650 email comments with 68.7% of them favoring that same option. Additionally, each council member was given a package containing 165 pages of comments received via email for them to consider. Ultimately, the motion for this option passed though one council member voted against it because he felt that with the long season, we might harvest too many fish which could hurt us in the future. Two other council members "reluctantly" voted yes as they felt that we should be able to "do better". Kudos to the NJMFC and the BMF though for getting the public more involved and voting in favor of the option that the overwhelming majority of people preferred. Therefore, our fluke regulations for both 2024 and 2025 are as follows:

3 fluke at 18" or greater with a season beginning on **5/4** and ending on **9/25**. The special regulations for Delaware Bay (3 fish 17" or greater) and Island Beach State Park (2 fish 16" or greater) are expected to remain the same.

Regarding sea bass, we will be able to change the regulations in 2025 for better or worse. However, the sea bass regulations for 2024 will remain exactly the same as they were in were in 2023.

- 12 ½" for all seasons
- 5/17- 6/19 (10 fish)
- 7/1-8/31 (1 fish)
- 10/1-10/31 (10 fish)
- 11/1-12/31 (15 fish)

The NJMFC also set the Scup (Porgy) regulations for 2024 and 2025. Note that the Scup regulations will not go into effect until our DEP Commissioner signs off on them. That might take up to a few weeks.

- 10" minimum size for both seasons
- 1/1- 6/30 (10 fish)
- 9/1-12/31 (10 fish)

President's Report

By Mark Taylor

There are a lot of things that happened in the month of March. JCAA had a booth at the Atlantic City Boat Show February 28th to March 3rd and Saltwater Fishing Expo March 15th to 17th. We also had a table at the Fish Hawks Saltwater Anglers 20th Annual Flea Market on March 2nd. I would like to thank those that took time out of their busy schedule to volunteer a few hours working these events for JCAA. There should be more people like them. There will be a more detailed article in next month's newsletter.

On March 7th the New Jersey Marine Council had their meeting setting the regulations for Years 2024 plus 2025 for Fluke (Summer Flounder) and Scup. Sea Bass regulations were also finalized but only for 2024. I was glad to see and hear about how many anglers participated by submitting comments. This shows that the recreational community can still come

together and get involved. Do not let it end there, stay involved if you want to have a future of fishing for days to come.

JCAA will be having their election for year 2024 Officers at the March 26th General Membership Meeting. We need to have all club representatives be at that meeting either in person or by zoom. The meeting will be starting at 7:30pm. I will be looking forward to having a great attendance.

As was mentioned in the last few newsletters that Jersey Coast Anglers Association has a new office in Wall Township. We are still getting the office ready for meetings as needed. I order to do that there is some work that needs to be done. I am asking for volunteers that can assist in making this happen. If you are interested, please reach out to me at 732-245-9445 and I can explain more.

This is a reminder that JCAA will not be having our Annual Fluke Tournament. Without having this event we need to make other events and fundraisers more successful. One of the fundraisers that is currently underway is our High Roller Raffle which has some great prizes – usually totaling over \$3000 in value. The drawing is July 11th. If you have not purchased some raffle tickets let me know and I will make sure you get them.

I want you to clear your schedule and mark your calendars for these next events. I know it may seem early to think about them, but it is not. First in August we will be holding the Heavy Hitters Tournament, more details to come. On November 10th, 2024, JCAA will be having its Annual Sportsperson of the Year Dinner. This is an outstanding event every year. Make sure you plan to participate in both.

As the weather has not always been what we are looking for, we need to schedule tasks to be done for the upcoming season. As we all know year after year somehow, we still get the tasks done. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable fishing season.

Get Involved, unite as a community so the future of recreational fishing as we know it will not be gone.

Important Information: The next meeting is scheduled for April 30th at 7:30pm and will be held in person at 385 Herbertsville Rd., Brick, NJ 08724. (Hybrid Meeting)



Position Statement on Offshore Wind Energy

Updated October 2023

American Sportfishing Association

Offshore Wind Energy (OWE) development has rapidly expanded with [almost 50 leased projects Nationwide](#). Increased renewable energy standards at both the state and federal levels are fueling continued investments in OWE.

The Atlantic region continues to lead OWE, but recent lease sales along both the Gulf of Mexico and the West Coast demonstrate the national scope of this evolving issue. OWE technology has focused on shallower fixed turbine installations because they're secured directly into the seabed. However, with roughly two-thirds of the Nation's OWE potential existing over deep water, there is significant motivation to advance floating OWE technology - where turbines are on floating platforms anchored to the seabed with cables. The considerations articulated in our initial position statement are readily adaptable to floating OWE applications (see Appendix A). Furthermore, ASA plans to continue to update these considerations to align with advancements in floating OWE technology. In the interim, this update focuses on the need to revisit the OWE stakeholder engagement model.

Since ASA's initial [position statement](#) in July 2019, the working relationship between the recreational fishing community, OWE developers, and state and federal permitting agencies has reached an [all-time low](#). Wind is a widely available renewable resource, so there's absolutely no excuse for neglecting stakeholder engagement and feedback when developing offshore wind energy (OWE) responsibly. We urge state and federal permitting agencies and OWE developers to revisit the stakeholder engagement model to make it more meaningful and impactful to achieve promises of co-existence between these two industries. We offer the following recommendations as opportunities to advance this goal.

Recommendations:

1. The Bureau for Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) must enhance its communication and

outreach materials for stakeholders in the OWE process. We suggest consulting the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's website for information organization ideas.

2. The Bureau for Ocean Energy Management must establish clear guidance and permitting criteria that mandate OWE developers to comprehensively assess recreational fishing activity within lease areas.
3. BOEM, NOAA Fisheries and OWE developers must establish research priorities and partner with the recreational industry to systematically gather and analyze spatially and temporally explicit data on recreational fishing activity (i.e., private and for hire) within leases instead of relying on existing datasets (e.g., Marine Recreational Information Program) that are insufficient to meet recommendation 2.
4. BOEM must require OWE developers to establish a formal independent mediation process that works to resolve disagreements between the recreational fishing community and OWE developers on all topics and through all phases of OWE development, otherwise, it's clear these projects will likely be brought to litigation as has already occurred.
5. NOAA Fisheries must provide resources to the regional fishery management councils to establish an OWE Council Committee and Advisory Panel to better align OWE development with the federal/state fishery management process.

Appendix A: Considerations for OWE development from [ASA's July 2019 position statement](#).

Access Plan — the area around the wind energy infrastructure (e.g., turbines, transmission cable runs) are governed by the United States Coast Guard and the developers. To ensure maximum fishing access, ASA recommends,

- that recreational fishing access near wind energy infrastructure be allowed to the maximum extent possible.
- the developers create an access plan that clearly documents the allowable use at all stages of the project (pre-construction, construction, operation and deconstruction).

- the developers form an access plan committee that includes representation from the recreational fishing and boating community.
- if access must be restricted for safety reasons, we recommend those restrictions do not overlap with established fishing seasons.

Monitoring Plan — there are many unknowns regarding how OWE projects will impact the ecosystem including, but not limited to, fish distribution and abundance, habitat availability, and recreational and commercial fisheries. ASA recommends,

- coordinating with scientific advisors from industry, state and federal agencies and academic institutions to establish standardized survey designs during all phases of the project and across all seasons.
- coordinating across adjacent lease areas to establish comprehensive monitoring plans that enable the analysis of cumulative impacts.
- providing a clear process for the involvement of stakeholder groups including the recreational fishing and boating community.
- using existing survey data where applicable.

Construction and Operations Plan — engagement with recreational fishing stakeholders is essential to minimizing impacts during the construction and operation phase of the project. ASA recommends,

- establishing transit lanes to ensure safe navigation between inshore fishing ports and offshore fishing grounds.
- siting and spacing the turbines to minimize impacts to known fishing grounds and allow safe drift fishing and maneuvering when fishing for large pelagic fish species.
- establishing optimal construction times that avoids existing fishing seasons.
- using foundation and scour pads that maximize available habitat to fishes.
- transmission cable runs that avoid areas of essential fish habitat and are buried at a depth that eliminates electromagnetic field impacts.
- decommission plans that fully consider the importance of wind energy infrastructure to the environment and ecosystem.

Mitigation Plan — the associated economic impacts on the recreational fishing industry from OWE are largely unknown. We recommend a comprehensive mitigation plan that accounts for all known and unknown impacts. ASA recommends,

- creating mitigation programs that offset impacts of OWE on the recreational fishing community through supplemental funding to state artificial reef programs, support of stock assessment surveys, recreational fishing and boating infrastructure, and other efforts that support recreational fishing and the marine resources.
- working with state and federal agencies to develop bond criteria to be required of all offshore wind facilities to ensure that adequate financial resources are available to offset any unforeseen impacts during the lifetime of the projects.

Proposed JCAA Bylaw Change

By Paul Haertel

At our January meeting, I proposed the following bylaw change. The area in red shows the suggested change. We will vote on it at our general membership meeting on March 26th. Once the bylaw change is approved, we will hold our election of officers. There will be no need to vote for President unless someone other than Mark Taylor volunteers.

ARTICLE #7 - NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1 - Nominations:

1. No individual shall be eligible as a candidate for Office whose member club was not a member in good standing for at least one (1) year prior to an election.
2. Nominations of individuals to fill Officer positions shall be made annually in November by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the general membership may be made at the November and December meetings.
3. The President may be selected to succeed himself (*herself*) only once and may serve for no more *than* two full terms in succession, *except that he (she) may continue to serve until a*

successor is elected. Any Officer may be selected to succeed himself (herself) provided he (she) has been nominated and elected by a ballot of the majority of members present who are entitled to vote.

Section 2 – Elections:

The Offices shall be filled by an election in December by a majority vote of members.

Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

By Tom Fote

American Sportfishing Association (ASA)

Some of the new club representatives do not know how JCAA is involved with ASA. ASA was formed when the two parts of the trade association, the Sportfishing Institute and the segment that ran the trade show joined together in the 90's. I had been involved in the Sportfishing Institute on their Government Affairs Dialog Committee. It was an ad hoc committee that consisted of members of the fishing industry and some NGO's which included JCAA. When ASA was formed, they created a Government Affairs Committee and JCAA was asked to serve with me serving as the representative. I have been there from the beginning. Let me be clear, ASA is the trade association representing tackle manufacturers, some boat building and manufacturers like Yamaha.

With the help of Gary Caput, Dick Weber, and John Koegler, we got ASA and the NMMA (National Marine Manufacturers Association) to sign a memorandum of understanding that they would work on issues that were important to boat builders and recreational fishing. There are two of the most important organizations representing anglers both fresh and saltwater in Washington DC. If you want to learn more about ASA, visit their [site](#) and sign up to get alerts about what is happening in Washington DC as it relates to boating and fishing and letters you should be writing.

In 2018 JCAA, RFA and some of the manufacturers thought ASA should get more involved with the issues around windmills being put into the ocean. We worked for a year on a position paper that was released in 2019. The position paper dealt with the East Coast, the West Coast and the Gulf Coast. I was

on the committee that worked on this position. ASA just updated their position and Mark Taylor and I had an opportunity to give input. This position paper was completed before JCAA took a public stand, but it does include many of our concerns and asks many of our questions. At the same time, I was working as a member of MAFAC on their position paper. This group consists of members of NGO's but mostly commercial and recreational anglers from the three coasts. Their concerns are consistent with the ones expressed by ASA and JCAA. That is why I am including ASA's updated position paper in this paper.

Sewers and Waters

You might wonder why I have been talking about sewer plants in the two most recent JCAA newspapers. JCAA has been talking about sewer plants in the newspaper since the mid 90's.

In the late 80's and early 90's, I represented JCAA in developing the Barnegat Bay Watershed Plan that was used to put Barnegat Bay in the Estuary Program, now called the Barnegat Bay Partnership. JCAA has been represented on the BBP Advisory Committee since it was formed. I served on the policy committee of the Barnegat Bay Program until I resigned after 18 years as the citizen member. I still represent JCAA on the advisory committee.

In the early discussions, a few of the Sewer Utility Authorities had members on the advisory committee. They were expressing their concerns to me about the amount of water being withdrawn from the aquifer and being dumped into the and had questions about how to recharge the aquifer. I learned that all the sewer plants along the NJ coast do not dump into the bays or estuaries but instead dump their effluent about a mile offshore. I said it was billions of gallons in the last newspaper, I checked my research and have included the accurate information below.

In our research in 1998 we found that **New Jersey's coastal sewer plants** discharge a significant amount of treated wastewater, also known as **effluent**, into the **Atlantic Ocean**. In **1998, 16 ocean dischargers** in New Jersey released a total of approximately **170 million gallons** of treated wastewater per day into the ocean. *This amounts to a staggering [65 billion gallons of effluent pumped into our ocean](#) in that year alone.* To put this into perspective, if we were to pour all 65 billion gallons of freshwater effluent into milk gallon jugs and line them up end to end, they would stretch **10,258,838 miles** — that's enough to circle the Earth **412 times**.

In 1998 we were trying to come up with simple solutions like using the effluent to water golf courses or recharging the aquifer. But I discovered we couldn't use the effluent because it still contained endocrine disrupters and other chemicals despite being treated with the current process. What I realized was that we only treated sewer for human waste and to get rid of diseases it contained.

Below are articles from 2004 and there are other articles you can see on the JCAA archives including my Congressional Testimony that the problems they are causing with fish reproduction. If you want it, let me know and I will send it to you.

Because of the cost of retrofitting sewer plants to deal with these issues in astronomical, everyone just gave up. I am still concerned because although we are protecting the bays and estuaries, we are dumping all of this material into the ocean. There is also the issue that there are rivers everywhere that get this discharge that are then supplying our drinking water. This is the nursery area for many of our fish populations and a place where many fish come in and out. This is having an impact on the reproduction of fish and is beginning to impact on our reproduction. You can find these articles on the JCAA website. Look for the China and European studies on sperm counts. The reason I am bringing this up again is that a recent Philadelphia Inquirer article (*included below*) explains why we are seeing so much flooding and will see more. It mentions sea level rise but its real focus is how New Jersey is sinking due to the amount of water being pumped out of the aquifer. If JCAA wants to look at this topic again, I am willing to take the lead, but I need help. I have a lot of the research and studies on this topic.

I always say I got involved in JCAA in 1983 because striped bass and menhaden but had to broaden my research and expertise in fishing contaminants, sewer plants, climatology, oceanology, power plants, forestry and population dynamics in 40 years. I have met a lot of great scientists over the years from NOAA, EPA, USF&WS, the States Fish & Wild Agencies along three coasts and professors for many colleges and universities. I have to thank them for the great education they have given me over the years. It started with Bruce Freeman and Axle Carlson taking me to the MAFMC & ASMFC meetings we were going to and giving me hours of fish lectures on the way there and back. Bruce a scientist and Axle a retired commercial fisherman, mayor, and a member of NJMFC and MAFMC. What a start to my education.

Getting Involved

I just covered two important topics that need JCAA's involvement. JCAA is dealing with at least 15 species of fish and marine issues. Access, habitat, striped bass, summer flounder, black seabass, sharks and tuna are just a few. We used to have committees with chairmen to deal with many of our issues. Over the years the committee chairs have retired or passed away. That has left a huge void in our leadership and our public presence. When John Koegler passed away many years ago, I started looking for someone to take over highly migratory species. I am still looking, and that job is not getting done. A few of us are in our late 70's and 80's and we need younger members to step up. If there is a topic that is of interest to you, please volunteer. Just let us know.

ASMFC Spring Meeting

Meeting Info and Agenda

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Spring Meeting will be **April 29 - May 2, 2024**, at The Westin Crystal City, located at 1800 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA.

The agenda is subject to change. Bulleted items represent the anticipated major issues to be discussed or acted upon at the meeting. The final agenda will include additional items and may revise the bulleted items provided below. The agenda reflects the current estimate of time required for scheduled Board meetings. The Commission may adjust this agenda in accordance with the actual duration of Board meetings. Interested parties should anticipate Boards starting earlier or later than indicated herein. Check [this link](#) for more information and updates to the meeting agenda.

Preliminary Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 29

1:30 – 4 pm: Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program Coordinating Council

Tuesday, April 30

9 - 11 am: American Lobster Management Board

11:15 - 11:45 am: Sciaenids Management Board

11:45 am - 12:45 pm: Lunch

12:45 - 2:15 pm: Atlantic Menhaden Management Board

1 - 5 pm: Law Enforcement Committee
2:30 - 5 pm: Horseshoe Crab Management Board
6 - 7 pm: Annual Awards of Excellence Reception

Wednesday, May 1

8 - 10 am: Executive Committee
8 - 11:15 am: Law Enforcement Committee
(continued)
10:15 - 11:45 am: Coastal Pelagics Management Board
11:45 am - 1:15 pm: Lunch
11:45 am - 1:15 pm: Legislative and Governor Appointees Luncheon
1:15 - 2:45 pm: Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board
3 - 5 pm: American Eel Management Board

Thursday, May 2

8 - 8:45 am: Coastal Sharks Management Board
9 - 9:45 am: Spiny Dogfish Management Board
10 - 11:45 am: Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy Board
11:45 am - Noon: Commission Business Session

Atlantic City is one of the East Coast's Disappearing Cities, but Rising Sea Levels Aren't the Only Factor

By Frank Kummer,
Philadelphia Inquirer, March 14, 2024

The problem could be made worse because New Jersey is sinking due to groundwater withdrawal and other geological factors

Up to \$20 billion worth of properties in Atlantic City could face exposure to flooding in about 25 years under sea level rise, according to new research [published this month](#) in the journal Nature.

The article on “disappearing cities” on U.S. coasts says that the sea level is projected to rise an additional 10 inches by 2050, “increasing the probability of more destructive flooding and inundation in major cities.”

But the authors wrote that the impacts might be made worse as coastal lands sink in a process known as subsidence. New Jersey is very slowly sinking due to geological conditions, as well as groundwater

withdrawal. The article states that subsidence is often ignored when officials plan coastal management policies.



A bulldozer spreading sand on the beach in front of the Ocean Casino Resort in Atlantic City, May 12, 2023. The casino spent \$700,000 of its own money to rebuild the eroded beach. Wayne Parry / AP

In other words, the dual threat of rising seas and sinking ground compound the potential for flooding.

“We have shown in this study that in most coastal areas the land is sinking, but at different rates” said lead author Leonard O. Ohenhen. “We measured that using satellite data ... then we paired that with projections of sea level change by 2050 to show that significant areas of coastal cities will be affected by significant flooding if no adaptation is taken.”

Sea level rise a ‘substantial challenge’

Ohenhen, a PhD candidate at Virginia Tech, and his coauthors used projections for sea level and subsidence to quantify potential flooding in 32 coastal cities. They found that up to 800 miles of land, containing up to 273,000 people and 171,000 properties, are at risk. Estimates run lower or higher depending on the level of greenhouse gas emissions projected.

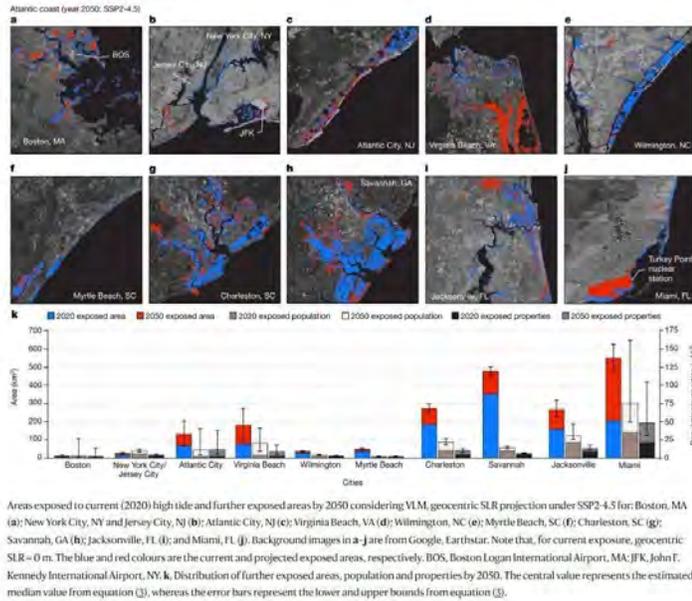
The authors wrote that sea level rise will “pose a substantial socio-economic challenge” this century. The average global sea level has risen more than half a foot in the past 100 years, but that the rate of rise has only accelerated “in the early twenty-first century in response to warming temperatures.” And, even if humans manage to stabilize temperatures in coming decades, sea levels will continue to rise because of past warming, they stated.

But sea levels along the coasts are rising faster than the global average.

Overall, the authors estimate, depending on where low or high projections are used, that 176,000 to 518,000 people living in 94,000 to 288,000 properties worth \$32 to \$109 billion will be exposed to flood risk by 2050. The authors incorporated relative sea level rise, which takes subsidence into account, for their projections.

Fig. 2: Inundation maps for cities on the US Atlantic coast.

From: *Disappearing cities on US coasts*



Of 11 cities on the Atlantic Coast, Miami, which has an average elevation of about six feet, has the greatest land mass at risk of flooding. Atlantic City ranks about fifth in terms of land mass at risk.

The value of properties facing inundation by 2050 in Miami total from \$5.5 billion to \$30 billion. Atlantic City falls second on the coast in that category, with properties valued at \$2.8 to \$20 billion.

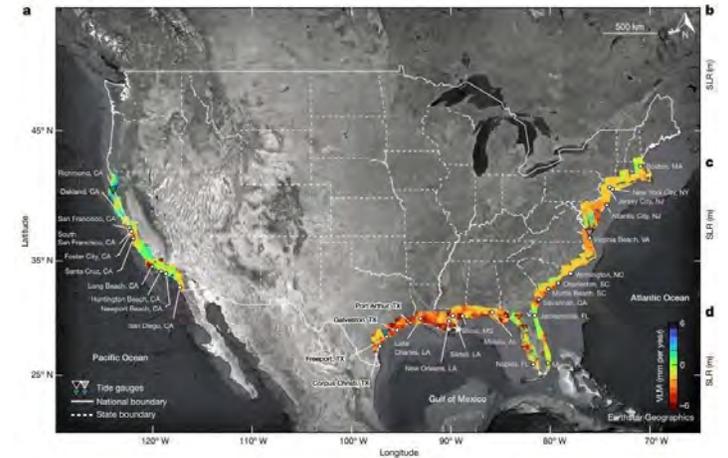
Those values are conservative estimates, the authors say, because they don't include infrastructure such as airports, schools, hospitals, power plants, roads, and railways.

Satellites show sinking land

Robert Kopp, a climate and sea-level scientist based at Rutgers University, was one of the peer-reviewers of the study. Kopp, who runs Rutgers' [Earth System Science and Policy Lab](#), was a lead author of the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's](#) (IPCC) 2021 Sixth Assessment Report.

The Nature article says it found a better way to calculate subsidence than the IPCC had used in some reports. Kopp said the authors' approach in using satellite imagery to make the measurements made the

study unique. They showed subsidence could account for 12% to 15% of the land that falls below sea level along the Atlantic Coast by 2050. About half of that subsidence can be attributed to man-made activities, according to the authors.



Map showing the degree of vertical land movement, also known as subsidence, and illustrates land that's sinking due to natural geological factors as well as ground water withdrawal.

“The thing about the Jersey Shore is that we know the primary reason why it’s sinking faster than say, Manhattan, is because of groundwater withdrawal,” Kopp noted.

Manhattan [gets its drinking water from](#) reservoirs and lakes in the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains. Atlantic City [gets its drinking water](#) from two reservoirs and 12 wells that run 200 to 675 feet deep.

Kopp noted that while the authors' approach was novel, it jibes with other research. He said that in the 1950s, Atlantic City saw only one or two days of “sunny day flooding” caused by high tides, not storms, a year. NOAA research showed that had climbed to 13 days in 2021, with calls for a rise to 75 to 110 days by 2050.

The authors of the Nature article conclude that addressing subsidence is one way to help.

“The overall goal of this study was to show the compounding effect of sinking coasts, which most people do not consider,” said Ohenhen, the lead author, “We want to try to enlighten people about how adaption will be useful in reducing the consequences.”

Part of the adaption, he said, is to regulate factors causing subsidence and create policies that keep carbon emissions low.

[Link to original article](#)

The content just below including article on Mutant Fish is excerpted from November 2004 JCAA Newsletter



Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

By Tom Fote

The points made in the article below come as no surprise to me. I have been expressing my concerns for many years about the drugs and other chemicals being released into the environment by sewer plants. There has been considerable research and discussion about the impact of PCBs, dioxin, mercury and many other man-made chemicals that are being dumped into the rivers, lakes and oceans. The state agencies and EPA have made strides to reduce the discharge into the environment. What is happening now is that we are just beginning to realize the impact the drugs we take have on the environment. Most people assume that when you swallow a pill, your body absorbs the drug and that is the end of it. However, what is really happening is that our bodies discharge those drugs into the environment. I think this article is just scratching the surface of this problem. It is my belief that these drug compounds may have a huge impact on the reproduction of all species in the environment. This is why JCAA historically has opposed untested birth control methods on animals in the wild. We need to know the consequences of the drugs we take on the environment and the consequences of any drugs we put into the environment in other ways.

Mutant Fish Prompt Concern: Study Focuses on Sewage Plants

*By Theo Stein and Miles Moffeit
Denver Post, October 3, 2004*

When Colorado biologist John Woodling and a team of researchers pulled fish from the South Platte River and Boulder Creek two years ago, they found deformities they'd never seen before. Some had both male and female sex tissue.

The fish, white suckers native to Colorado, were swimming in the waters downstream of the Denver area's largest sewage plants. And the team

found something else: Females far outnumbered males in these wastewater soups.

"This is the first thing that I've seen as a scientist that really scared me," said Woodling, 58, a retired fisheries biologist with the Colorado Division of Wildlife now working with the University of Colorado.

The discovery of these freak fish just below Denver and Boulder has sent chills through the ranks of the Environmental Protection Agency. When they learned of Woodling's initial find, officials speedily approved a \$100,000 grant so his team could expand its investigation.

Federal officials want to know whether the abnormalities - the first of their kind discovered in Colorado and perhaps the nation - are a result of the chemical brew now flushed by state sewage treatment plants. So far, the team can say only that they have consistently found these changes in fish collected near these two wastewater pipes.

After Denver, the towns of Brighton, Gilcrest, Platteville, the Morgan County Water Quality District and a host of small communities all the way to the Nebraska border pump their drinking water from shallow aquifers connected to the South Platte (see graphic). But it is not known whether the chemicals are present in their supplies.

What's more, little is known about how this pharmacological cocktail affects those who might consume it in drinking water.

One troubling group of these pollutants are called endocrine disrupters because they either mimic or upset hormones - in this case, estrogen - fooling the hormone system of male fish into producing the cells of female fish.

The CU team is now waist-deep in its quest to determine whether disrupters in those wastewater flows are turning boy fish into girl fish - or something in between.

Officials with the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, the largest sewage treatment agency between Los Angeles and St. Louis, cautioned that it's too soon to tell what the fish deformities represent.

"We're all concerned about it," said Barbara Biggs, Metro Wastewater's governmental officer, who added that the agency supports Woodling's research and other studies into the chemicals. "We don't want to leap to any conclusions yet. There are a lot of estrogen sources in the environment, and this is going to take time."

CU professor David Norris, the research project leader, agrees. "We don't know the dose that produces effects in this species." But the concentrations of chemicals found in Boulder Creek are high enough to cause the feminizing effect in other fish, added Alan Vajda, a CU doctoral student on the research team.

The findings, which snagged the attention of the EPA's highest echelons, may have been the best kept secret in Colorado water science.

During the last five years, researchers with the U.S. Geological Survey have found a striking range of estrogen-related chemicals in Colorado waterways, including the South Platte River and Boulder Creek, where the team has found deformed fish.

Among the leading suspects in the gender-bending fish phenomenon: excreted birth-control hormones, natural female hormones, and commonly used detergents, which can also mimic the chemical structure of estrogen, one of nature's most potent and important hormones.

Hormones are one of life's great chemical messengers. Released by the body's glands, they travel through the blood until they link with a target molecule, like a key into a lock. They then transmit signals that instruct a cell, among other actions, to produce proteins or to multiply.

Hormones are involved in just about every biological process: reproduction, growth, immune function, even the development of a fetal brain.

They work in infinitesimal concentrations - as low as parts per trillion or even parts per quadrillion. And the hormones typically work in a tightly defined window in an organism's development.

Endocrine disrupters work by transmitting misinformation. A chemical that looks like estrogen, for example, can lock onto a receptor molecule and prevent a cell from receiving a necessary signal. Or it might transmit a stronger or weaker signal than the body's own hormone. And at the wrong time.

Norris, who was on Woodling's Ph.D. committee, said that over the last 10 years, scientists have documented the impact of endocrine disrupters on everything from British trout to Florida alligators and Arctic polar bears.

Little research has been done on the effects of chronic low-dose estrogen exposure in humans. But Norris pointed out that the estrogen-based pregnancy aid DES resulted in cancers and reproductive disorders in the children of mothers who took the drug in the 1950s and '60s.

Woodling's Colorado fish study began after he read about the discovery of intersex trout below sewage plants in Europe. Searching below Denver and Boulder sewage plants, the researchers found only one species that could survive in the effluent - the white sucker, a homely bottom-feeder.

Woodling's first sample on the South Platte below the Metro Wastewater plant produced 16 females and no males. But they also found four fish whose reproductive organs were so mixed with male and female tissues that they couldn't assign a gender.

Woodling quickly arranged a meeting with the EPA. "Their eyes got real big," he said. "They told us to put in the paperwork. It moved quickly. "The team was given a grant to further their research with more collections and more blood and tissue analysis. Among their goals was to go upstream of the treatment plants to see whether they could detect the same deformities.

The fish sampling results on Boulder Creek were also disturbing. Just below the sewage plant outflow pipe, the team collected 101 females, 12 males and 10 intersex fish. Upstream of the sewage plant outflow, the team found 42 females, 37 males and zero intersex fish.

Although scientists have found these "environmental estrogens" in surface waters, federal and state regulatory agencies are not testing for them. Neither are the companies supplying drinking water.

Thornton, which diverts drinking water from the South Platte below the Bi-City Wastewater Treatment Plant in Englewood, recently installed an expensive reverse-osmosis water treatment system. It removes low concentrations of organic chemicals and endocrine disrupters, even though science has yet to prove they're harmful, said Vic Lucero, Thornton's water quality administrator.

As for other users of treated river water, Norris advises them not to wait for regulations to catch up with science. A 0.2-micron filter with an activated-charcoal system will remove most endocrine disrupters as well as other chemicals from tap water, Norris said.

Woodling and his team expect to have much of their own research done by next spring. But, he said, what he's found already is profoundly unsettling. "It's one thing to kill a river," said Woodling. "It's another thing to kill nature. If you're messing with the hormonal balance in your aquatic community, you're going deep down. You're twiddling with how life proceeds."

Post researcher Monnie Nilsson contributed to this report.

The content just below including article on Male Bass is excerpted from December 2004 JCAA Newsletter

Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

2004

By Tom Fote

Last month we included an article in the JCAA newspaper from the Denver Post entitled "Mutant Fish Prompt Concern." This month we have included an article from the Washington Post entitled "Male Bass in the Potomac Producing Eggs." These articles confirm JCAA's growing concern about drugs, both prescription and nonprescription, entering the environment. We have known for some time about the impact of PCBs, dioxin and mercury on wildlife and humans. We are seeing increasing evidence that drugs have a similar and possibly a more disastrous impact on all of us. These two studies represent the tip of the iceberg. Ongoing studies worldwide are showing similar results. Wherever fisheries management is discussed, this topic is included. This issue was the subject of discussion at the ASA meeting, at the ASMFC meeting, NJ DEP, Federal EPA and Fish and Wildlife Service. The scary part is that these drugs may not only kill wildlife but may also be responsible for mutations.

We know how to keep PCBs, mercury and dioxin out of the environment. We now have a plan to end or diminish the impact of the release of these chemicals into the environment. Right now we don't even know the source of all of these drugs. We don't know if they are antibiotics fed to chickens, hormones given to cattle, or the medications we take. In order to grow the food necessary to feed the earth's growing population, it is expedient to feed our livestock increasing amounts of drugs so they can be housed in confined spaces and grow at faster rates. Even if we work to lessen the amount of drugs that enter the environment through agriculture, there would still be many drugs that enter the environment because of human consumption. No one is suggesting that we should not take drugs to enhance and extend human life. But we need to look at the impact of these drugs, find out exactly how and where they are entering the environment and investigate if there is anything that can be done to protect the ecosystem.

We really don't have all the information we need to make long-term decisions. In addition, we lack the technology to deal with drugs that enter the environment in minute parts per trillion through the sewage system. The one thing I think we can do right now is minimize the impact of expired drugs that are either flushed or put in the landfill. We need to look at a recycling program like the existing program for expired batteries. Some of the drug chains could serve as collection points for expired or unused drugs. This would keep at least these drugs out of the environment while we continue to investigate other options. This is a worldwide problem but we need to start in our own backyard. JCAA is looking to form a coalition to pursue these issues and solutions. If you have any suggestions or comments or would like to help work on this issue, please contact us.

Male Bass in Potomac Producing Eggs Pollution Suspected Cause of Anomaly in River's South Branch

By David A. Fahrenthold
Washington Post, October 15, 2004

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. -- The South Branch of the Potomac River is as clear as bottled water here, where it rolls over a bed of smooth stones about 230 miles upstream from Washington. But there is a mystery beneath this glassy surface.

Many of the river's male bass are producing eggs. Scientists believe this inversion of nature is being caused by pollution in the water. But they say the exact culprit is still unknown: It might be chicken estrogen left over in poultry manure, or perhaps human hormones dumped in the river with processed sewage. Chances are, it is not something that federal and state inspectors regularly test for in local waters.

The discovery has made the South Branch the latest example of an emerging national problem: Hormones, drugs and other man-made pollutants appear to be interfering with the chemical signals that make fish grow and reproduce.

While researchers look for answers in West Virginia, other scientists are testing Rock Creek, and another group is seeking financial support to test the rest of the Potomac to see whether they can find the same troubling effects downstream.

"Whatever's doing this to the fish may be the canary in the mineshaft," said Margaret Janes, a West

Virginia activist with the Appalachian Center for the Economy and the Environment.

Scientists say it's still too early to tell what these findings will mean for the bass population in the South Branch; they aren't sure whether the affected males are still able to reproduce. And no one is aware of any effects on human health in the Potomac watershed. But scientists believe that fish might be the first to absorb any dangerous chemicals that might later affect humans. "They're likely to be hit first," said Mike Focazio, a researcher with the U.S. Geological Survey. "We look there, and it seems to be happening."

The situation in West Virginia was discovered by accident, when scientists from the state and the geological survey were called in to investigate reports that fish in the South Branch were developing lesions and dying en masse. They dissected dozens of bass caught last summer, mainly smallmouth bass. They found no obvious cause for the lesions or deaths, but did discover that 42 percent of the male bass had developed eggs inside their sex organs.

The study surprised scientists. Though the South Branch has been cited for problems with bacteria from poultry manure, state officials said it did well on most aspects of water-quality testing. "We always have, and still do, look at this as one of our highest-quality fisheries," said Patrick Campbell of the state Department of Environmental Protection. "It's counter-intuitive to think we would have this type of problem out there."

But the problem is there: A follow-up survey in the spring found even higher rates of "intersex" bass -- as the affected males are called. A study of 66 male smallmouths from the South Branch found that about 79 percent showed such symptoms, according to U.S. Geological Survey data.

The scientists are now analyzing water samples from the South Branch and the Cacapon River -- a nearby Potomac tributary where intersex bass were also found. The chemicals they're looking for now are not the well-known pollutants that the state already tests for, such as nitrogen and phosphorus from manure and metals from mine runoff. Instead, the culprit is probably in a class called "emerging contaminants," which includes everything from caffeine and prescription drugs to hormones excreted by livestock or humans.

Some of these pollutants have been linked to developmental problems in wildlife. Scientists believe that fish, especially, absorb hormones from other

animals, as well as other chemicals that their bodies mistake for hormones.

One recent study near sewage plants in Colorado found male fish whose bodies were trying to produce eggs and some females whose reproductive systems were out of sync. Other studies have found similar effects from the hormones in cow manure and from chemicals from a wood-pulp plant. "It is certainly an alarming situation that we're seeing more and more gross effects," said David O. Norris, a professor who worked on the Colorado study.

These emerging contaminants were hard to detect without the finely tuned equipment developed recently. The first nationwide survey, conducted in 1999 and 2000, found hormones in about 37 percent of the streams surveyed and caffeine in more than half.

The only testing in the Potomac, done in Washington in 2002, found low levels of caffeine, plus the insecticide DEET and chemicals produced when a body breaks down nicotine. There were also a few suspected endocrine disruptors, including chemicals found in hand soap and household cleaners.

As of now, little is done to test for these chemicals -- either in river water or in drinking water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has not set standards, saying more research is needed to determine which contaminants are harmful and what levels are unsafe.

West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland and the District do not test river water regularly for drugs or hormones. The same goes for drinking water after it is processed by the Washington Aqueduct, supplying the District, Arlington County and Falls Church, and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

Still, the West Virginia study has spurred scientists to look for more information. Researchers at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are seeking money for a much larger study across the Potomac watershed. They want to look for intersex bass and potentially disruptive chemicals in sites including the Blue Plains sewage plant in Southwest Washington.

Another federal study is underway in Rock Creek, looking for intersex symptoms and other health problems in a species of fish called white suckers.

Scientists across the region stressed that their work is just beginning. "We really don't know what's going on," said Vicki S. Blazer, a researcher for the geological survey in West Virginia.

JCAA Membership Report

By John Toth

The JCAA is in the process of moving from its Lakewood office to Camp Evans in NJ. Because of this move, we cannot mail the forms for dues payments since our computers have been disconnected. We do not know when they will be up and running to send our dues invoices to you as we usually do. Until then, I would appreciate your sending your club dues, sponsorships, and Associate Memberships payments to me at my home address at:

John Toth
24 Kings Mill Road,
Monroe Twp. NJ 08831

Make your checks for payment to JCAA.

- Club dues are still at \$50.
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Your sponsorships will be recorded on the cover page of our monthly JCAA newsletter. Clubs who give JCAA sponsorships of \$250, \$500, or \$1000 will receive newsletter cover-page ad of ½, full, and double business card size respectively.

I have received checks from these clubs as payment for their membership dues and sponsorships: **Hi-Mar Striper Club** - \$500, **Manasquan Fishing Club** - \$300, **Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County** - \$100, **Raritan Bay** - \$50, **Spring Live Liners** - \$50 dues & \$50 purchase of JCAA Raffle Tickets, **Paul Shafer** - \$200 Sponsorship, **Jon Brunetti** - \$100 Sponsorship.
Thank You!

Mark Taylor and I have been invited to give a Power Point presentation about the JCAA to the Sunrise Rod & Gun club during April 5, 2024.

If you are still interested in having a presentation to your club, please contact me at my address mentioned above. To schedule a presentation, I need to know the date, time, and address of your club meeting and a contact person to coordinate with. I have been contacting clubs to schedule a presentation and I would appreciate your getting back to me at your earliest convenience.

Our next JCAA General Membership meeting will be on **March 26th, 2024**, 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.

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

Youth Education Report

By Greg Kucharewski

33RD ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

The 33rd Annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament (GSFT) will be held at Island Beach State Park on Sunday, May 19, 2024. Get ready to enter the largest surf fishing tournament along the Jersey Shore. Don't miss a day of family fishing fun! Pick up a brochure about the tournament at Island Beach State Park or at your favorite tackle dealer. Admission to the park is **FREE** for the tournament. Win prizes. [Register here.](#)



We would like to remind our physically challenged anglers that there is an area at OBA 1 with beach wheelchairs available. Anglers that are not able to walk in the sand can now get to the water and try surf fishing. The JCAA Youth Education Committee is helping novice and physically challenged anglers at the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament. Celebrity Ford Toms River, NJ will assist physically challenged anglers with a NEW 2024 4x4 VIP vehicle to transport anglers that will fish the reserved area in front of OBA 1. Members of the Vietnam Veterans of America (Chapter 12) and volunteer anglers from various fishing clubs will also aid physically challenged anglers. If you know a disabled veteran or angler that would like to fish the tournament, please phone Kevin Nolan, American Warrior Outdoors at 732-504-5492.



4x4 VOLUNTEER JUDGES NEEDED AT ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK

The State of New Jersey 33rd Annual Surf Fishing Tournament at IBSP is looking for volunteer judges to ride the beach during the tournament and verify the length of fish caught by contestants.

Volunteers that would like to be a part of the tournament and measure fish will receive a 2024 Judges hat and compensation for fuel on the beach. We already have some Play HOOK-e from PTSD veteran volunteers signed up to judge.

For details, please contact Ken Hollins, Judge Chairman to become a volunteer judge, email to rugburnsbleed55@optimum.net or phone Gary Conk @ 1-609-556-9241.

HOOKED ON FISHING 2024 TEAM LEADER TRAINING

Please do not register if you are not able to make the entire training. April 26-28, 2024, Lighthouse Center for Natural Resource Education, 7th St. and Navajo Dr., Waretown, NJ 08758. Arrive Friday, April 26, by 6:30 p.m.; depart Sunday, April 28, around 4:00 p.m. To participate in Team Leader Training, please complete and submit [the questionnaire](#).

NJDEP Fish & Wildlife partners with schools, community, and faith-based organizations to establish youth fishing teams. Teams are led by an adult(s) who dedicate their time, skills, and energy to implement the program. This training is to prepare YOU to LEAD a group of youth in the program from beginning to end.

The training is intended for adults interested in leading and/or assisting with a youth fishing team as part of the Hooked on Fishing Program. There is a \$65

non-refundable fee that covers training materials, meals and overnight accommodation.

To register for the training, complete the form at [this link](#). Then make your check or money order payable to “CWF of NJ” and mail to: NJ Fish & Wildlife, 605 Pequest Road, Oxford NJ 07863, Attn: HOFNOD. Your registration is complete upon receipt of your registration fee. An email will be sent to you confirming your participation along with supplemental information to support making the most of your experience. For questions about the training, please send an email to hofnod@dep.nj.gov.

Deadline to register is April 12, 2024. You can also visit [this page](#) for more info.

BECOME A CERTIFIED NJ HOFNOD INSTRUCTOR

There is a \$60 non-refundable fee which covers meals, lodging, materials/supplies, and helps offset training costs. Please do not register if you cannot commit to the entire weekend.

To register, please complete the registration form which provides instructions on how to submit the required fee. Visit the [NJ HOFNOD website](#) to view a group near you.

JCAA YOUTH EDUCATION

Learn about how you can help protect recreational fishing. Become a member volunteer or an associate member to support the voice of recreational anglers. Is recreational marine fishing getting better or worse? Let us know so we can do something about making saltwater fishing better for the future of fishing. Become a JCAA associate member today. Click [this link](#) to register.

HIGH SCHOOL SURF FISHING CHALLENGE AT ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK

The Jersey Coast Anglers Youth Education Committee is encouraging high school students to participate at the Island Beach State Park 33rd Annual Surf Fishing Tournament. High school teams are already gearing up for the tournament. Five students per team plus a high school representative must accompany each high school team. If you know a school team that would like to register for this event, please email Karen Byrne at: karen.byrne@dep.nj.gov.



38TH ANNUAL HOOKED ON THE HUDSON

Saturday, April 27, 2024, FREE Fishing Contest from 9:00am to 3:00 pm. The HRFA will supply all equipment and bait free for your children to use! Fishing information and assistance will be available. Prizes awarded. Find more information and details at [this link](#).

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

FINS FOR FREEDOM VETERAN FISHING TRIPS

Fins For Freedom will take place on May 18, 2024. Fishing and the day's events will be held at Atlantic Highlands Municipal Marina, 2 Simon Lake Drive Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716. For more information visit their [website](#).

SHARK RIVER SURF ANGLERS 2024 TROUT CONTEST FOR KIDS

SHARK RIVER SURF ANGLERS BELMAR, N.J.

2024 Trout Contest for Kids

SAT. APRIL 6th - 8 to 1:30 at SPRING LAKE

Take a shot at THE GRAND PRIZE!
A custom trophy, a rod and reel, and a taxidermist's mounting of the winning catch will be awarded to the child landing the largest trout!

MORE PRIZES for the contenders!
1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes will be presented for the 3 heaviest trout in the following age divisions: 5 yrs & under, 6-9 yrs, 10-12 yrs, 13-15 yrs

Everyone goes home a winner!
All children weighing-in a trout are eligible to receive a special prize, while those who do not will still take home a bag of goodies. How's it work? Fish at Spring Lake and catch a trout during contest hours. Bring it to the big white tent at Mercer Ave to weigh and register it! Trout **MUST** be caught from Spring Lake to be eligible, and **SNAGGING OF TROUT IS NOT PERMITTED!** Contest is open to ALL children 15 years old and under. Stop by the tent throughout the day for free food and bait, fishing guidance, to make a donation, or just to say "Hi!"

Prizes will be awarded at the club's tent at 2 PM Saturday.
Winners MUST ATTEND the ceremony to claim prizes!

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Join us for the BONUS EVENT the week before
Saturday, March 30th at 9:30AM - All kids are invited to come help stock the lake! Over 500 trout will be arriving...meet by Mercer Ave.

Note: The Shark River Surf Anglers fishing club is not liable for illness, personal injury, property loss, or damage sustained while participating in these events. Please take appropriate wellness precautions as you see fit. Participate at your own risk.

9th ANNUAL HOFNOD YOUTH FISHING CHALLENGE

NJ Fish and Wildlife presents its ninth annual Get Hooked On Fishing, Not On Drugs Youth Fishing Challenge on the weekend of June 1st-2nd. The free event is held at multiple locations throughout New Jersey and each may have their own start and end times. For list of host sites and other information, monitor [this page](#) at NJ DEP.

WOMEN VETERAN AND ACTIVE-DUTY FISHING DAY

WOMEN VETERAN AND ACTIVE-DUTY FISHING DAY

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NEWARK BAIT AND FLY-CASTING CLUB KID'S FISHING CLINIC

Newark Bait and Fly-Casting Club Kid's Fishing Night had Liz Jackson from NJ "Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs" as their guest speaker for the night. Visit their [website](#) to view details. Later this spring, NBFCC will host their annual veteran fishing trip on the Big Mohawk out of Belmar on June 10th.

Click image to learn more or to register, email Karen Noe at scotpfriends@gmail.com.

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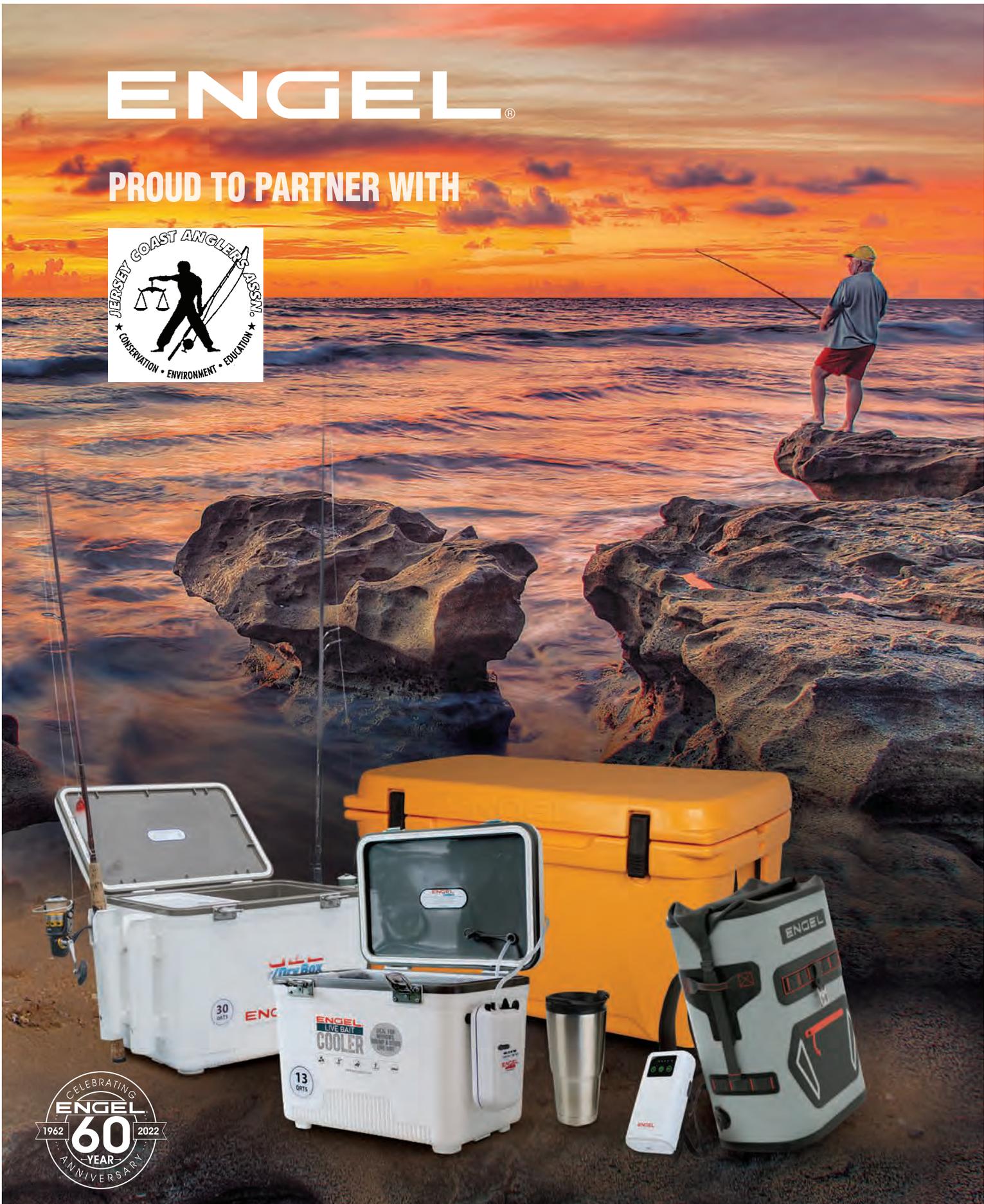
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