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Good fishing, good friends.

That's what SWABC is all about

The Best Fishing Club in NJ

The regular meetings will be held every third Tuesday of the month, (except March) at 7:30 PM at the Legion Hall. A \$5 fee is required, for non-members. This entitles you to refreshments, snacks, and some new tricks about fishing plus participation if you choose in our dark horse drawings. Welcome all; we hope you enjoy the evening.

President's Corner

For our September meeting, we had Kaitlin Gannon from the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve as our guest speaker.

Kaitlin spoke about "Ghost Traps/Pots" that inhabit our waters that are dangerous to the fish population and our ocean environment. These pots are caused by storms, improper rigging and buoys, as well as boats running over the lines. She shared her wealth of knowledge and how these traps are removed and how we can prevent it from happening. It was an excellent presentation.

Steven Weinstein was our 50/50 winner this month and thanks to our newest club member Justin Lewis for drawing the winning ticket. Congratulations to Steven and welcome Justin!

In addition we had two club members submit Big Fish affidavits.

Chef Nico served one of his culinary delights with pork chops, mashed potatoes, salad, and an exquisite apple cake.

Fluke season has closed but Sea Bass opens October 1st, and the striped bass are on the move with many anglers reporting good action. Fall fishing is one of the best times in our area so get out there and fish!

Speaker for October 17th Meeting – Tony Maja on Striper Fishing

Tony is a good friend of our club and he will update us on his latest product line of tackle so that we can catch more striped bass.

Speakers for November 21st -Meeting Last minute cancellation so for now it's TO BE Determined.

December 19th Meeting – Christmas/Hanukkah Party

Kevin Kozlowicz with a nice Cod Fish



Offshore Windmills Could lead to Lower Fishery Quotas

A 388-page report compiled in partnership between the commercial fishing industry and the federal government agencies summarizes massive changes that offshore wind development could bring to U.S. fisheries and the ocean environment. This report, produced by NOAA and BOEM (Bureau of Energy Management) and the Northeast Science Center, shows how fishermen may be displaced from traditional fishing grounds due to electromagnetic fields (EMF) that the cables produce connecting power from the windmills to shore locations.

The Synthesis of Science reports says it is presently unclear what impacts EMF cables will have on fisheries and fish behavior. "The lack of knowledge on the intensities of EMF anticipated from off shore wind cables makes it difficult to draw conclusions based on the studies to date", the report states that skates and rays, as well as sturgeons, appear to be most affected by EMF. Fishermen are also equally concerned about potential impacts on inshore/offshore migration of fish like summer flounder. This report also states, "These impacts will lead to greater uncertainty in abundance estimates which will lead to lower fishery quotas and lost revenue to commercial and recreational fishermen". (The Fishermen, May 2023 edition).

Note by John Toth: Perhaps more problematic to our fisheries than EMF is the **noise** that the windmills, 850 feet high and their 350-foot blades, will produce by their swishing sounds. Additionally, these windmills will give off vibrating noises and that noise will affect whale migrations. How noise will affect the patterns of migrating fisheries has not been determined. In spite of this lack of environmental review, windmills are going to be put up and we will find out what will happen next to our fisheries, like rolling the dice and hope they do not come up snake eyes.

Poll shows NJ support for offshore wind energy



Erodes

Support for offshore wind energy plummeted across New Jersey since February, goaded by political divisions and claims that seafloor mapping for future wind turbines could lead to whale deaths along New Jersey according to a Monmouth University poll.

Opposition to offshore wind is growing; 40% of New Jersey residents oppose offshore wind as of August, up from 10% since 2011.

(Asbury Park Press, August 31, 2023)

Fishing Trips – 2023

October 21st – Club Charter trip for sea bass on the Bingo

November 11th – JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner – Our club has a table at it and John Toth is the keynote speaker to talk about his 9/11 experience.

November 18th – John Piazza has a charter trip on the Fins on Feathers for blackfish and it is full.

December 2nd – Club Charter trip for Blackfish on the Bingo

Ralph DeJulia is the Trip Captain for both of these Bingo trips and he can be reached at (201) 206- 4506 or at newknee22@yahoo.com.

The cost of this charter is expected to be \$110 and the Bingo sails from Leonardo, NJ with a sailing time to be most likely at **7:00 a.m.** After exiting Route 36 for the **Leonardo State Marina**, drive straight to the beach and upon reaching it **turn left** for the boat's parking lot. Address is 2 Beach Ave. Leonardo, NJ

EVENTS in 2024

February 4th - SWABC Flea Market at the Hasbrouck Hilton

February 15 -18th - SWABC (booth) - New Jersey Boat Show & Expo at the NJ Convention Center

March 15-17th – SWABC (booth) at the Salt Water Expo at NJ Convention Center

March 18th – SWABC Club Dinner - Mountainside Inn

Bill Fish with some huge sea bass

caught on the Bounty Hunter in Mass.



Shirts on Sale & Pick Up

Solar Performance Shirts that have been ordered & not picked up will be on sale and sizes vary.

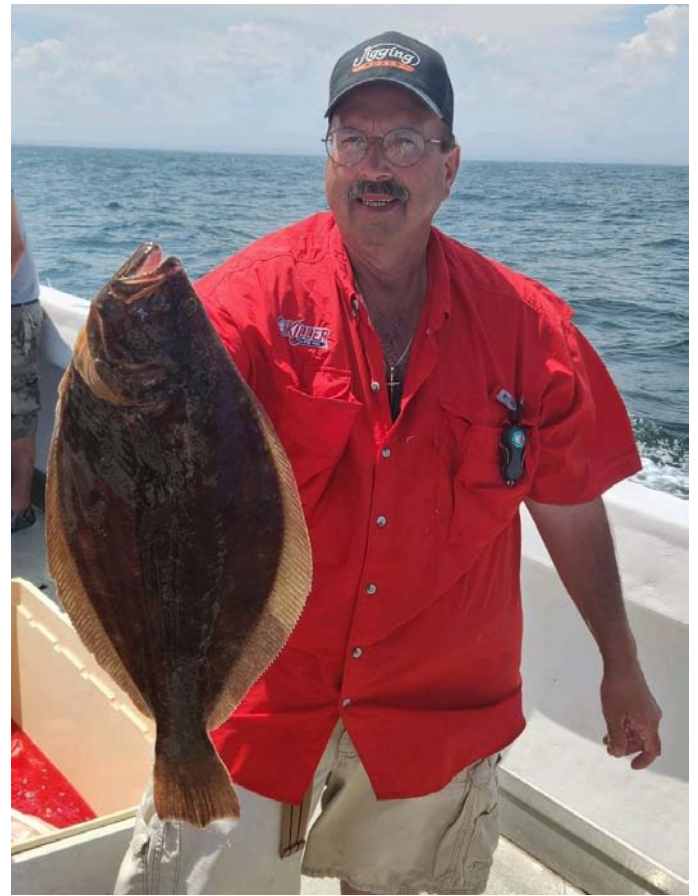
John Piazza is selling our club T-shirts at our September 19th meeting and this shirt has a handy pocket and is of good quality. The cost is only \$15.

Record Breaking King Mackerel Caught

On August 1st, Dominic Vricella and his son Joe of Medford hooked into a **67.45 lb. King Mackerel** trolling a pair of wide trackers and a pair of Clark spoons five miles from Manasquan Inlet on their way home. Their first thought was that it was tuna or a wahoo, but it wasn't until the fish was close enough to hit it with the gaff that they knew that they had a King Mackerel. At over 67 lbs., this fish is 13 lbs. heavier than the previous record set back in 1998.

The fish was weighed at Hoffman's marina in Brielle and the necessary paperwork was turned over to the state's Fish & Wildlife. The father & son are awaiting confirmation that they are the new record holders of King Mackerel for our state. (Asbury Park Press, August 4, 2023).

John Farrell with his pool winning Fluke on the Mimi Charter



Comments on the Striped Bass Emergency

Action Plan

By John Toth

In our club's September newsletter, I covered the newly implemented Striped Bass Emergency Action Plan that limits our catch of striped bass to only **one fish at 28 to 31 inches**. I also commented that this new regulation would lead to the more killing of striped bass with anglers discarding those striped bass that do not fit into this 21 to 31 inches category. Also, the improper handling of discarded bass will only add to this mortality. In this hasty decision of the Atlantic States Marine Commission (ASMFC) to save striped, more striped will be killed as a result of it. **You do not have to be smart to figure this all out! It's just common sense!**

Fishing managers use surveys of anglers and trawl surveys to develop models they use to determine the health of fishing stocks. These management tools are very flawed and there are so many instances of it that I can recall and the one that stands out is after Sandy, we overfished our fluke quota while our docks were littered with smashed boats. Jim Hutchinson, Editor of the Fisherman, covers this flawed data issue in more detail in the September edition of this magazine.

This new striped bass regulation ignores the impact on what it does to striped bass and the entire recreational industry. I have been involved with fishing management issues for many years and I have a filing cabinet full of papers that cover these issues. It always seems to me that we recreational anglers always get the short end of the stick when fishing management issues are decided. When have we seen decisions that are favorable to us? Not many that I can recall!

Ray Pharao with a Fluke & Sea Bass



How Excessive Noise Can Hurt Whales and our Fisheries.

By John Toth

I have written a number of articles about windmills and the threat they impose to whales and our fisheries. The list of these issues can be found on our club's website under the Environmental link. However, one if not the most important windmill issue, is about noise! There was an article in the Asbury Park's Press June 25th edition that sheds more insight on this important issue and I want to point them out to you:

In June 2013, researchers funded by the U.S. Navy discovered that the mid-frequency sonar sounds caused blue whales off the coast of California to change their diving behavior and temporarily avoid feeding areas. In 2020, sonar used by Navy ships during a training session in the Bahamas lead to the death of six whales, while other whales that were stranded were pushed back out to sea according to reports at that time. Later necropsy reports released on their strandings revealed that the dead whales had hemorrhaging near the ears, according to the Journal of Science. An investigation revealed that the Navy sonar exercise nearby was most likely cause of their death.

The federal Marine Mammal Protection Act makes disturbing marine mammal like whales illegal, but allows limited, permitted exemptions called "takes" under specific circumstances. Those exemptions include military operations, commercial fishing, oil and gas exploration and seismic testing.












NOAA Fisheries has granted New Jersey offshore wind company's exemptions to the Marine Mammal Protection Act through what is called "incidental take authorizations," in order for companies to complete their turbine projects.

Windmills off our shores will be about 850 feet high with blades several hundred feet long that will make swishing sounds as they rotate. Anchoring these huge windmills will not be noise free and this noise will continue as long as the blades spin. Also, these windmills will make vibrating noise as the blades spin and this noise is not the type of noise that whales and our fisheries like to hear.

While we are rushing ahead to industrialize our ocean, this noise issue and others have not received the environmental review that they should have to ensure that whales and our fisheries deserve the protection they need from excessive noise. From my perspective, the federal government wants to put the windmills up fast and then see what happens next like rolling the dice- that may come up snake eyes!

2023 BIG FISH OF THE YEAR DERBY Rules

1. Fish have to be in season to be entered.
2. The fish can be caught anywhere, not in just New Jersey's waters.
3. The fish entered has to be verified by the boat captain or another club member or at an official weigh station. A picture of the fish is a much-preferred way to verify an entry into the Big Fish contest done by a cell phone or a regular camera. A club member can win more than one Big Fish contest prize.
4. Affidavits must be received within 30 days after the fish is caught. Entries for fish caught after 12/15 of a given year must be received by January 15th of the following year.

FISH	SPECIES	MIN. WEIGHT	ENTRY WEIGHT	ANGLER
	BLACKFISH	4	17 lbs.	Chuck Rutar
	BLUEFISH	12	11 lbs. 4 oz.	Chuck Santoro
	COD FISH	10		
	FLOUNDER	1.5 lbs.		
	FLUKE	4	7.5 lbs.	Bob Goldstein
	LING	2	4.0 lbs.	Kevin Kozlowski
	POLLOCK	10		
	PORGY	1.5 lbs.		
	SEA BASS	2	5.2 lbs	Jeff Criswell Sr.
	STRIPED BASS	12	42 lbs.	Frank Rella
	WEAKFISH	2		

Any member submitting a false affidavit will be disqualified from entering the contest during the year. If disqualified twice, the member will be expelled from the club.



SALT WATER ANGLERS OF BERGEN COUNTY FISHING CONTEST AFFIDAVIT



ANGLERS NAME: _____

Date submitted with picture: _____

I certify that the following statements are true and that all contest rules were complied with and the witness actually witnessed the weighing and the measuring of the fish.

Caught from: ___ Boat ___ Surf - Date: _____

Name of Boat: _____

Port: _____

Where caught: _____

Signature of Angler _____

SPECIES

LBS.

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Witnessed by: _____

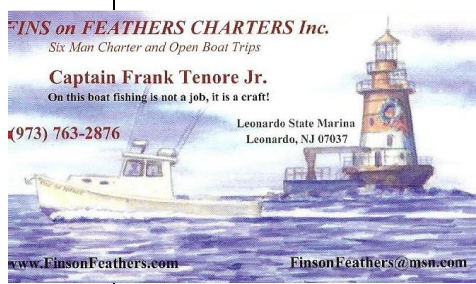
1. _____

Address: _____

2. _____

Phone No. _____

3. _____



Salmon Grilled in foil

(Easy to make & you don't have to stand by the grill to make it). I set the grill around 400 degrees and watch the grill in my house so the grill does not exceed 450 degrees. The fish is done in about 15 minutes). This dish is good to make on a very hot day so that you do not have to sweat at your grill tending it. Just use a spatula or glove to lift the salmon packets from the grill on to a plate.

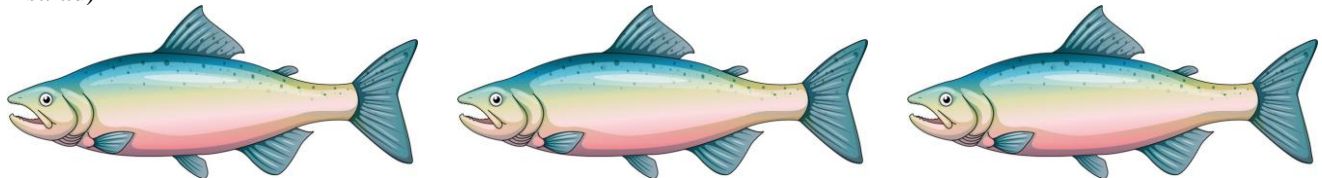
Ingredients:

- 1 salmon fillet with skin – about 1 lbs. or more cut into 4 pieces
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. lemon-pepper seasoning
- 1 tsp. curry powder
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 1 small onion cut into 4 rings
- 2 medium tomatoes seeded & chopped

Preparation:

- Place salmon skin side down on heavy duty aluminum foil about the size of 18 X 12 inches so that the foil can completely cover the salmon and folded tight to cover it for grilling
- Mix all of the spices together and place them over the salmon
- Place the onion rings over the salmon followed by the tomatoes
- Cover the salmon tight with foil
- Place on the grill for about 15 minutes
- Careful when done while unwrapping – hot!

Nice glass of white wine goes well with this – fresh corn (2 ears wrapped in wax paper in the microwave for 4 minutes or fresh salad)



Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County #1 Salt Water Fishing Club

Enclose a check in the amount of \$60 for a one-year membership, into New Jersey's #1 Salt Water Fishing Club

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