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Jeff Criswell Sr. with his Big Fish Derby entry – Left hand - 3.1 lb. Porgy



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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 8:00 PM at the Legion Hall. Note: due to virus restrictions the January & February Meetings are cancelled. A \$5 fee is required, for non-members. This entitles you to refreshments, snacks, and some new tricks about fishing and participation if you choose in our 50/50 and dark horse drawings. Welcome all; we hope you enjoy the evening.

SWABC Fund Raising Raffle

The drawing of raffle tickets (\$1 for each ticket and 10 in each book) will be held on **May 18th** at our regularly scheduled club meeting at the American Legion Post # 170. Our club has some very nice prizes to offer and they are:

1. **Charter Fishing Trip on the Fins on Feathers Charters - \$700 value**
2. **JW Black Demon Rod, Daiwa Saltiga 10-JDM Reel - \$550 value**
3. **JW Nexus – Rod, Cronos Star Reel – Tackle World - \$400 value**
4. **Apple iPad – PC Richards – Rt. 17 – Paramus, NJ -07652- \$380 value**
5. **Fishing Trip – 2 Tickets for the Party Boat “Fisherman”- \$180 value**
6. **Gift Certificate – Jigging World, 174 Rt.17, Rochelle Park, NJ 07667 - \$100 value**
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Time Running Out for Some Salmon Species in Northwest

A Washington State report put it bluntly: Because of the devastating effects of climate change and deteriorating habitats, several species of salmon in the Pacific Northwest are “on the brink of extinction.”

Of the 14 species of salmon and steelhead trout in Washington State that have been deemed endangered and are protected under the Endangered Species Act, 10 are lagging in recovery goals and 5 of those are considered “in crisis.” According to the 2020 State of Salmon in Watershed report which was released last week.

Salmon play a vital role in the environment, economy and culture of the Pacific Northwest. At least 138 species from insects to Orcas, depend on salmon for their food in some way. Salmon support an estimated 16,000 jobs in the commercial and recreational fishing industry, and they are a draw for tourists.

Salmon begin their live in freshwater, migrate downstream in estuaries and, eventually the ocean, where they live for awhile before returning to their native streams to spawn. (It is estimated that less than 1percent of salmon survive long enough to return).

Before the 20th century, an estimated 10 million salmon and steelhead trout returned annually to the Columbia River system. The current return is 2 percent of that, by some estimates.

One of the largest factors inhibiting salmon recovery is habitat loss. A growing human population has led to development along the shoreline, and the addition of bulkheads or sea walls that encroach on beaches where salmon generally find insects and other food. More pavement and hard surfaces have contributed to toxic water runoff. More than 20,000 barriers including dams

roads and water storage structures block salmon migration patterns. Climate change has warmed waters that inhibit salmon reproduction.

An environmental group, the Save Our Wild Salmon, is trying to reverse this decline in salmon and steelhead trout and they are advocating the removal of four huge dams on the Snake River. (New York Times, January 21, 2021)

Fishing Diehards for Blackfish



John Farnell(seated) , Bob Goldstein, 2 friends, Jeff Criswell Jr. & Glenn Peckel,

Reel Honorable Guy!

An Irish fisherman caught a **600-pound tuna**- similar to the one sold in Japan this year for **\$3.7 million** – and tossed it back!

Dave Edwards made the stunning catch off the coast of Cork while working for a charter program that counts Atlantic fish populations. Experts say it is the biggest fish caught in Irish waters this year. (New York Post, Weird but True, September 27, 2019).

Salt Water Expo Cancelled

It is unfortunate, but this show is a casualty of COVID-19. People are still afraid to congregate and part of the NJ Convention Center is currently a vaccine distribution center. The show organizer tried hard to keep this show going, but COVID-19 would not let it happen.

It is re-scheduled for March 18th -20th during 2022 and we will attend this show.

Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind Developer Seeks Input from Fishermen

By John Toth

Atlantic Shores hosted a Webinar on January 13th with the purpose of receiving input from fishermen. I participated in this Webinar, along with about 64 other individuals, to receive information on this new developer who wants to place windmills 10 to 20 miles off the coast between Barnegat Bay and Atlantic City. This new wind farm will be approximately the size of 183,000 acres! The developers' goal is to deliver three gigawatts of wind energy, enough to power 1.5 million homes. The windmills would provide 40% of Governor Murphy's goal of 7,500 megawatts of offshore wind-generated energy by 2035.

After the developer presented an overview of their project, the floor was open for questions. The question of whether anglers will be able to fish by the windmills was raised. Atlantic Shores emphatically indicated that anglers will be able to fish by their windmills, but not during the construction phase for safety reasons which is understandable. While fishing is allowed by the windmills, it will not be allowed at their substation where energy is transferred to land by cables. This substation is a sensitive area since terrorists would target it to shut down this whole energy project. It is not worthwhile for terrorists to target a few windmills when they could shut down everything by taking out this substation.

Some familiar areas of concern were raised by participants and they include the safety of cables and their electromagnetic effects on fish migration. Atlantic Shores indicated that their cables would be buried at least six feet to reduce electromagnetic effects. This issue has been raised a number of times with other developers and the answer that usually follows is that the cables do not seem to have any adverse effects on fish migrations. However, I have yet to hear any developer come out to say that their cables will NOT have any adverse effects on fish migration patterns!

Another issue that came up was Cold Pool and Atlantic Shores indicated that their windmills would have no effect on it. Cold Pool is a huge band of cold bottom water in the ocean extending from Cape Cod to Cape Hatteras that is fed by fresh water from multiple rivers and estuaries. This area experiences one of the largest summer to winter temperature changes of any part of the ocean around the world. Cold Pool has impacts on shellfish, pelagic and other fish. The migration patterns of Atlantic Butterfish and others are influenced by this Cold Pool. This is a complex issue and one that affects our fisheries and cannot be easily dismissed by Atlantic Shores. More research is needed to determine what effects that the windmills planned off our coast will "impact this sensitive Cold Pool.

Atlantic Shores staff indicated that they intend to visit fishing clubs and do a power point presentation on their energy project so anglers can better understand their windmill project. However, because of COVID-19, club visits are off the table until public gatherings are permitted. Atlantic Shores indicated that they want to sponsor tournaments of fishing clubs and will be reaching out to clubs for this sponsorship. While this can help clubs with their tournaments, it is a way to "buy" support of clubs for Atlantic Shores. There should be no need to "buy" support, the Atlantic Shores project should stand on its own merits.

Atlantic Shores is a partnership between Shell New Energies US LLC and EDF Renewables North America. If it's successful with the public review process, which includes approval of its environmental impact report, this developer's goal is to have their windmills in place around 2027.

Warming Chips Away at Fish Species

Fish in the Northeast Atlantic- including cod – the prime ingredient in fish-and- chips- saw a dramatic drop of 34 percent in the past several decades as the earth warmed, according to a new study released February 28th.

Warming oceans from climate change has shrunk the populations of many fish species around the world, the study found. Overfishing and poor management have only intensified the problem.

Some of the biggest drops were in the seas near China and Japan, where fish populations dropped by as much as 35 percent from 1930 to 2010, the decades analyzed in the study.

"We were stunned to find that fisheries around the world have already responded to ocean warming" said study co-author, Malin Pinsky, a Rutgers University ecologist. Globally, the drop is 4.1 percent for many species of fish and shellfish. (Asbury Park Press, March 2, 2019).

Lucky While Fishing!

A South Carolina man readying to go a fishing trip with his pals wound up catching a jackpot!

The man from Charleston told lottery officials that he was at Circle K to buy sandwiches for the trip when he decided to buy a Lucky for Life ticket

He wound up winning the \$25,000 –a year prize and ultimately opted for the one-time cash payment of \$390,000!

Man Lands on a Shark!

A Florida surfer caught some air on a wave, flew off his board – and landed directly atop a shark!

Don Walsh, 40, said it felt like being hit by a "freight train" when he flopped on the six-foot man-eater off New Smyrna Beach.

The saber-toothed biter tried to make him dinner, but he managed to flee with just hand and shin injuries. (New York Post, Weird but True, August 31, 2019).

2020 BIG FISH OF THE YEAR DERBY

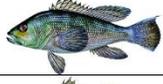
The Final Standing

The latest submission of affidavits to enter our club's Big Fish Derby was **January 19th 2021. No more affidavits will be accepted.** Check the information posted in the Big Fish Derby to make sure your entries are correct.

Prizes for the winners of our Big Fish Contest will be given at out at a venue to be determined.

With all the restrictions that have plagued us fishermen with this virus we will end this years Derby with 4 categories

with not entries. Let's all hope that 2021 will offer all of us much greater opportunities to fish. But remember what Dame Juliana Berners said, "There is more to fishing than catching fish",

FISH	SPECIES	MIN. WEIGHT	ENTRY WEIGHT	ANGLER
	BLACKFISH	4	8.5 lbs.	Bob Goldstein
	BLUEFISH	12		
	COD FISH	10		
	FLOUNDER	1lb.8oz.	2.8 lbs.	Bill Fish
	FLUKE	4	10 lbs. 2 oz.	Jeff Criswell Jr.
	LING	2		
	POLLOCK	10	10 lbs. 2 oz.	Bob Cameron
	PORGY	1lb.8oz.	3.1 lbs.	Jeff Criswell Sr.
	SEA BASS	2	5 lb. 3 oz.	Jeff Schwarz
	STRIPED BASS	12	48 lbs.	Bob Cameron
	WEAKFISH	2		



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

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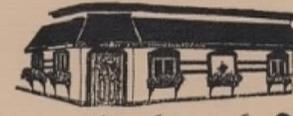
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Researchers Studying Virus Threat to Wildlife

Humans aren't the only species that catch the deadly COVID-19. Wildlife, particularly one species of whale in the Arctic could also be susceptible to it.

The one species, the narwhal is an Arctic whale known for its huge 9-foot tusk. Narwhals do not have the immune system needed to combat the virus. Also, the Ugandan lowland gorilla could also be wiped out if only one gorilla contracts the virus.

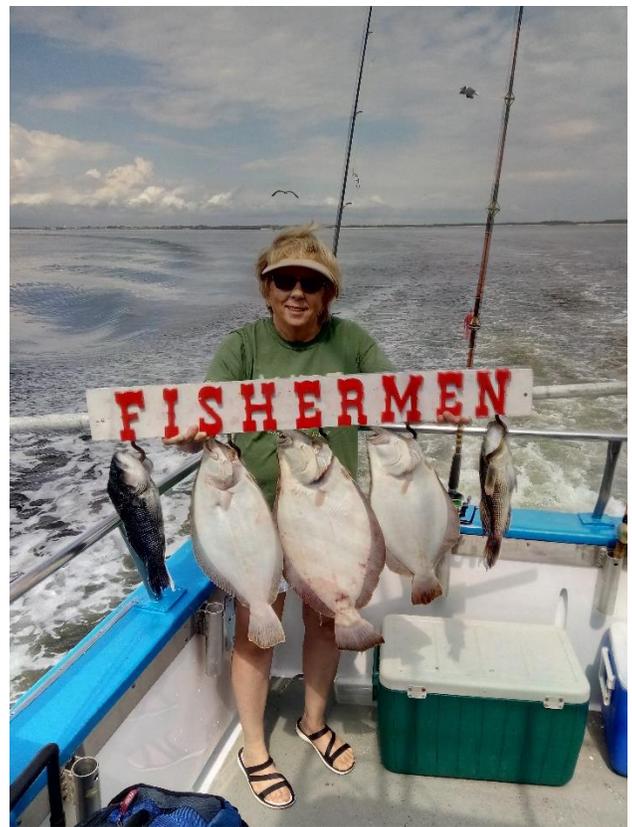
"If this were to gain a foothold in the wildlife, there could be potential cascading impacts for ecosystems worldwide and the communities that rely on them" said Dr. Martin of Case Western University in Cleveland. (Asbury Park Press, October 16, 2020).

Can Fish Cut pollution Effects?

Eating 1 ½ servings of seafood per week was associated with less brain shrinkage related to air pollution, according to a study that tracked 1,315 older women for up to 10 years. Air pollution caused by tiny particles from vehicle exhaust and from burning wood and fossil fuels has been linked to a loss of white matter nerve fibers that connect brain regions-and to thinking and memory declines in older adults. Omega-3 fatty acids from fish may protect brain wiring by reducing inflammation and rebuild the beneficial fatty insulation on the fibers, researchers say.

Note that the study found benefits only from seafood that's not fried, so consider baking or broiling it. (Consumer Reports on Health, November, 2020).

Judy Schaible with her Fluke limit Plus ++



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

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