



Fish Hawks Celebrates 40 year Anniversary

OCTOBER 2017 FISH HAWKS NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER SPEAKER – Senator Chris Connors

SHORE CASTS

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO PATRONIZE ALL OF OUR SPONSORS.

Our Club radio channel is **19**. We ask our members to please monitor it at all times.

If you have changed your mailing address, phone number, or e-mail address, please give new information to our Membership Chairwoman, Sandi Roy.

Please call Good & Welfare Chairwoman Sandi Roy if you know of any member who is ill or has been hospitalized. Sandi's cell phone is 609-618-6211 or an email can be sent to robandsandi@yahoo.com. Please do not leave a message on her home phone.

Yearly membership cards for those current in dues are available at the meeting. If you have paid your dues and have not received a current dues card, please see Gail Matuska, Treasurer, at the meeting.

If you have or want a speaker on a specific subject contact Bill Geddes, our Guest Speaker Chairman at bfgeddes@msn.com.

Boat US membership discount code is GA83831B. Ask for new member applications.

Recreational Fishing Alliance Membership discount code is FISHHAWKS11.

*******LACEY FOOD BANK*******
LFB Kids 2017 Kids Christmas Campaign



Hi Everyone,

Believe it or not, it's countdown to Christmas at the Lacey Food Bank! The volunteers are already kicked into high gear preparing for the LFB Kids 2017 Christmas Campaign to insure that the anticipated 200 children on their client list will be provided with a few new gifts under their tree. Our goals this year include 500 pairs of socks so that each child will have two new pair, along with other items such as pajamas, sweatshirts, hats, gloves and scarves. And, since the forecasters are calling for a cold, wet winter, snow boots are always high up on the list of favorites, too! And, of course, what child doesn't love getting a new toy for Christmas?!

In order to do this, LFB Kids Xmas depends on donations that are specifically earmarked for the LFB Kids Xmas as they receive *no funding* from the Lacey Food Bank general account for Christmas or any other LFBKids projects.

I am asking everyone attending our October, November or December meeting to please bring one or more of the items listed on the attached suggestion sheet to the meeting or to place a check (with "Kids Xmas" noted in the memo area of the check) or a cash donation in the Lacey Food Bank container. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and support of the Lacey Food Bank Kids 2017 Christmas Campaign.

Sincerely,
Ken Rylak

BOYS OR GIRLS

SIZES

Pajamas	Children Sizes 4 up to Adult Size Large
Underwear	Children Sizes 4 up to Adult Size Large
Socks	Youth Size 13 to Adult Size 8
Snow Boots	Youth Size 13 to Adult Size 8
Sweatshirts/Hoodies	Children Medium Size 8 to 10 up to Adult X-Large
Flannel Shirts	Children Medium Size 8 to 10 up to Adult X-Large
Flannel Pajama Pants	Children Medium Size 8 to 10 up to Adult X-Large
TOYS!	For all ages
Fishing-related gear	Youth boys table

October President's Message

I can't predict the winner of the Blowfish tournament but in the last couple of weeks the fishing has been great and new leaders may emerge. I have been finding the best fishing on the east side of the bay in 5-6ft of water during a moving tide. Expect to use a clam chum log ever two hours and bring lots of bait as these quick bait stealers are hitting it as soon as your sinker hits bottom.

I want to thank the great turn out of volunteers for the picnic. This event shows how the energy of the volunteers makes a large undertaking so much easier when many pitch in. I want to give a special thanks to the cooks and servers who gave you a tremendous meal. Can't imagine anyone leaving without a full tummy. Thank you Tony and Cy G for all you hard work in getting all the delicious food.

RFA Executive Director Testifies on Magnuson Reform Senate Holds Final Legislative Hearing On MSA

On Tuesday, September 12, 2017 Jim Donofrio, executive director of the Recreational Fishing Alliance testified before the Senate Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard on the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). Today's hearing is the third and final legislative hearing held in the Senate on MSA reauthorization. The RFA has been in the vanguard demanding reform of this critically important legislation to make it more fair and responsive to recreational fishermen and the multi-billion dollar recreational fishing industry. "Congress must be made to realize that managing fisheries requires a balance between resource conservation and economic considerations," Donofrio said. "Quite simply, while the system under the current provisions in the MSA has been successful in rebuilding some key fish stocks it has been a dismal failure at translating that success into socioeconomic benefits to fishermen and the recreational fishing industry. It is unnecessarily costing the nation thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in lost economic opportunity."

In his testimony, Donofrio told Senators that we have been asking for your help since MSA was reauthorized in 2007 when amendments were made to the law that created a systemic management problem on a national scale and which is most acutely felt in the recreational sector.

Looking back at original intent of MSA (public law 94-265) signed into law on April 13, 1976, the primary objective of the law was *to promote domestic commercial and recreational fishing under sound conservation and management principles*. Unfortunately, this noble objective was altered in the 1996 and 2007 reauthorizations and currently, management can only be described as a failure, a total imbalance with recreational fishermen and the recreational fishing industry losing out.

"The needs of fish have been put at an inordinate level of priority while the needs of the fishing community and industry have been made an afterthought. This is not sound resource management and we are asking that the Senate, along with the House, pass MSA reauthorization bills as soon as possible to restore a balance to the management of our nation's marine resources," continued Donofrio.

The RFA has been and continues to advocate for MSA reform. It foresaw the impending economic train wreck that the law would spawn even before it was signed into law in 2007. Now that the inevitable is occurring in fisheries like black sea bass, red snapper and others around the nation a coalition of recreational fishing groups and industry associations have joined together to promote reform through the passage of the Modernizing Recreational Fishing Management Act. Donofrio's testimony before this Senate Subcommittee is another in a long series of steps taken demanding action.

RFA and other organizations are pushing hard to pass Modern Fish Act bills in the House and Senate. In the House, two bills have been introduced, HR 200 introduced by Rep. Don Young from Alaska and HR 2023 introduced by Rep. Garrett Graves from Louisiana. HR2023 is the preferred bill as it addresses issues specific to the recreational sector. A markup hearing is expected in early fall and there is hope that a bill could be passed out of the House by the end of the year. Today's hearing in the Senate is the final legislative hearing on the MSA reauthorization. Action in the Senate is expected to quicken once a House bill is released.

Henry Ford quotes:

"Don't find fault, find a remedy. Anyone can complain"

"The only security in life is the people you know and the skills you have"

Thank you for reading my message

"Be active, be aware before your rights become a crime"

Your president

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"THE HAWK" (October 2017)

THE BIRD: SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER ARE USUALLY THE BEST TWO MONTHS FOR FISHING FOR FLUKE & SEABASS. NOT THIS YEAR! BOTH OF THESE FISHERIES ARE CLOSED DUE TO INEPT FISHERIES MANAGEMENT. A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO A FEW OF US WENT WRECK FISHING FOR TOG, TRIGGERFISH & LING. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THE RIG TO THE BOTTOM THE SEABASS WERE STACKED UP 20 FEET THICK, WE MOVED THREE TIMES TO OTHER WRECKS & THE SEABASS WERE THERE IN TREMENDOUS NUMBERS. IT WAS NOT TOO LONG AGO WHEN WE WERE ALLOWED 25 FISH PER DAY FOR 365 DAYS. "THANKS" FISHERIES MANAGERS, YOU'VE DONE AN EXEMPLORARY JOB OF KEEPING US FISHERMAN OFF THE WATER!!!! THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE BLOWFISH ARE IN AND A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT ARE BEING CAUGHT.

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: I KEEP ON SAYING THAT OUR PICNIC GETS BETTER EVERY YEAR & IT WAS AGAIN THIS YEAR. WE HAD ABOUT 140 MEMBERS & GUESTS ATTENDING. WE ENJOYED A VARIETY OF FOOD, DRINKS AND DESERTS (WE HAD SO MANY FANTASTIC DESERTS THAT IT SMELT LIKE A BAKERY) THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR SHARING YOUR PIES CAKES & COOKIES WITH US. WE HAD SOME TERRIFIC" HOME MADE" COOKING. MARY DUNLAP MADE THE MACARONI & POTATO SALAD (I'M SURE MOM WAS PROUD OF THE OUTCOME). CY GUADAGNINO COOKED THE 25 lbs. OF SAUSAGE & PEPPERS AND HER HUSBAND TONY MADE THE MEDITERRANEAN & WHITE CLAM SAUCES. RICH MOHRBUTTER AND SON RICH, DONATED THE ULTRA SWEET CORN. WE STARTED OFF THE MORNING WITH ART SCARNEO & TOM PIASCIK AND CREW SETTING UP & COVERING ALL OF THE TABLES; THE SEAFOOD COOKS, FRANK GENTY, JACK HENDERSON & BOB KRATSCH GOT STARTED COOKING FOR THE 1 PM CROUD. "CHUCKY THE CLAM SHUCKER" WITH THE HELP OF MARTY SEDLACKO, SHUCKED HUNDREDS OF CLAMS (WE STEAMED AND SHUCKED OVER

100 DOZEN CLAMS & 30 lbs. OF MUSSELS). THANKS TO MARILYN DAHL, MARY DUNLAP, ALICE ROYSTON & BARBRA WESTERVELT SERVED THE SEAFOOD & CORN. WE ALSO HAD HELP FROM KRISTEN MAYES, ONE OF OUR NEW MEMBERS. OUR BBQ CHEFS, KEN RYLAK, GEORGE ROYSTON & KEN GERECKE SERVED UP THE HOT DOGS & THIRD OF A POUND BURGERS TO ORDER. ALICE & GEORGE ROYSTON RAN THE 50/50, WHICH HAD A RECORD PAY-OUT OF \$575."WOW"!

BOB MERKLE AND WHITEY DID A TERRIFIC JOB WITH THE CASTING TOURNAMENT. WE HAD THREE WINNERS THAT GOT 2PTS.,ERIC DAHL, DOUG ITJEN AND MARTY SEDLACKO ALL RECEIVED A SPINNING ROD & REEL. HONORABLE MENTION GOES TO RENEE HORNUNG FOR GETTING 1 PT. KEN GERECKE RAN THE CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT & HERE AGAIN WE HAD 3 WINNERS WHO WON GIFT CERTIFICATES TO LOCAL RESTAURANTS & TACKLE SHOPS.

NAME TAGS & WRIST BANDS WERE HANDED OUT AT OUR HOST TABLE MANNED BY SANDI & ROB ROY WHO SEEMED TO ENJOY THE HOT SUN (PURE BLOODED FLORIDIANS). THE BEER & WINE WAS PROVIDED BY CHRIS ROSE & JOE MUNI WHO MADE SURE THE BEER WAS "ICE COLD". THANKS TO OUR "CLEAN-UP" CREW WHO MADE SURE THE FACILITY WAS CLEANER THAN WHEN WE ARRIVED. I HOPE I DIDN'T MISS ANYONE BUT SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE 40+ VOLUNTEERS & TONY & CY GUADAGNINO WHO CHAIRED THE COMMITTEE THAT MADE OUR ANNUAL PICNIC A TRUELY "FIRST CLASS" EVENT !!!!!

MONTHLY CONTEST:

THERE WERE 8 FIRST PLACE FISH ENTERED FOR AUGUST. THE \$25 BONUS WAS WON BY KEN GERECKE WITH A 2.20 lb. TRIGGER FISH.

BLOWFISH .96 lbs. TONY GUADAGNINO
SEABASS 2.75 lbs. BILL BROWNE
LING 1.38 lbs. HARRY COMBS
TOG 2.86 lbs. KEN GERECKE

BLUEFISH 8.18 lbs. KEN RYLAK
FLUKE 8.29 lbs. ROB ROY
FLOUNDER 2.11 lbs. HARRY COMBS

OCTOBER TOURNAMENT DAYS:

TOURNAMENT # 12 SUNDAY OCT.1ST.

TOURNAMENT # 13 SATURDAY OCT. 14th

BAY TOURNMENT: AUGUST RESULTS:

ADULT DIVISION: BLOWFISH .96 lbs. TONY GUADAGNINO
YOUTH DIVISON: BLOWFISH .13 lbs. TONI GUADAGNINO
NO KINGFISH WEIGHED IN.

FISH BITES:

SEABASS RE-OPENS OCTOBER 22nd, 15 FISH @ 12 1/2"

STRIPED BASS BONUS PROGRAM IS OPEN THRU DEC. 31st. 1 FISH @ 24" TO LESS THAN 28"
(MUST HAVE BONUS TAG)

BLACKFISH: IS CURRENTLY OPEN 1 FISH @ 15" AND INCREASES TO 6 FISH @15" ON NOVEMBER 16th.

NOVEMBER CLUB FISHING TRIP:

"SOLD OUT" DEPOSITS DUE NEXT CLUB MEETING THURSDAY OCTOBER 5th. (MIN.\$20). FINAL PAYMENT DUE AT THE NOVEMBER 2nd. CLUB MEETING. SLOTS WILL BE FILLED FROM OUR STANDBY LIST FOR THOSE NOT PAID IN FULL.

PARAPROSDOKIANS:

IS A FIGURE OF SPEECH IN WHICH THE LATTER PART OF A SENTENCE IS UNEXPECTED AND OFTEN TIMES QUITE HUMOROUS.

"WOMEN SPEND MORE TIME WONDERING WHAT MEN ARE THINKING THAN MEN SPEND THINKING"

TO ALL OF OUR FLORIDIAN CLUB MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES: WE PRAY YOUR RECOVERY IS QUICK & KNOW THAT YOU ARE ALL IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

"BE SAFE OUT THERE" "THE HAWK"

TRADERS CORNER:

Notice: All ads that have run for three (3) months will be deleted for next month's issue unless you renew them. To place a new ad or renewal of an existing ad, please call Bruce Creighton @ 609-971-3282 or send an Email to bacreighton@gmail.com.

FOR SALE: Heavy-duty electric winch. Mounted on dock \$200. Used and you come get it. Call Paul -609-440-0907 (4/2017)

FOR SALE: Assorted limited sizes FH Gear Available: short and long sleeve tees, henleys, a few guide shirts, hoodies, knit caps and (2) 2x jackets. More information and pricing on embroiderybykc.com go to the Fish Hawks tab or call/txt Kathy 732 580 7571. (4/2016)

FOR SALE: 5ft stainless steel deck ladders. Easy to mount on your dock etc. \$50/each. Call Paul - 609-440-0907 (03/2017)

FOR SALE: PORKERT Meat Grinder #10 Includes 1 never used spare cutting blade and assorted never used accessories. Was \$128 new. Asking \$50. Contact Gene 973 886 9682

FOR SALE: Keep Alive oxygen infuser with motor (live bait tank) 16 Gal. \$100. 3 – 5 gallon gas cans \$3 each. Floating holding pen (bait/Crab) 26' H– 28" W 46" long PVC and Styrofoam \$20. Also have MUCH – MUCH more fishing gear for sale. Contact Bernie Scesney 723-240-0467