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Hi Jeffery

Frank Gallo, boat owner Patcong Creek area I’m on the webinar. I have a question about the use of regional moratoriums vs size/take limits. I’m not talking about wide area restriction but specific areas for specific time periods like a reef at a time. An answer would be appreciated but if you can point me to the information, I can get it myself.

Thx

Frank Gallo

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Jeffrey,

I was attempting to raise hand and comment.  Both seemed unnoticed.  I think it was a mac compatibility issue?

I am strongly in favor of option 32.  We are handling way too many fish looking for these slot fish. The season seems to end too early just when it’s really getting good.

Please forward my comments to the appropriate people, sorry I was unable to comment

Bill Priole.

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I was unable to join the webinar because my Microsoft system was not compatible with your meeting access. I have been on numerous zoom calls with my system, so I don't see why I could not join yours. I tried to join just 10 minutes before the start, and to try to get an app on my laptop did not help.

I then tried the phone access to just listen, but that did not work either, even though it seemed to sign me in. I heard nothing.

All I can say is that your setup is dysfunctional and I was very disappointed.

David Christman

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Jeff.  What is the process to get council to discuss fisheries like black drum. Over the last 20 years I have witnessed the black drum population decline dramatically. In the Delaware Bay, I would estimate the population is 5-10% of what it used to be. The regulations in place during that time period resulted in much wastage with dead non filleted floating in the water or in marina dumpsters. How can I get council to revisit these regulations?  Can it be put on the agenda as a discussion item?

Thanks,

Harvey Yenkinson

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Hi Jeff I hope all is well. Congratulations on conducting a very comprehensive and professionally conducted meeting last night. The question I have for you is based on Bob and Eleanor thoughts on dividing the state. If that were to be accomplished. Would it be agreeable to MAFC ? My concerns are the following.

Would it remove NJ from being it’s own region?

Would there be discussions on allocations between north and south based on population?

I have many other concerns as well. But the first question is most important.

I do agree that one size fits all in our case is not a perfect solution. I recall in a few situations we (the northern sector ) though not liking it sided with the southern sector for an early open because it helped them more than it hurt us. Frankly I don’t recall the southern sector ever returning the favor. I believe a compromise is a good solution but has to be honored by both sides. For instance every other vote one side gets what they want and the next time the opposite happens.

As for any discussions on these matters I believe the public ultimately should determine the outcome .

Best regards

Joe Zagorski

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Hello,

Credit when credit is due.

Thank you and the Council for putting forth a crisp and effective meeting on the regs last night. I was watching online and found the audio quality very good.

But what I most appreciated was posting the results of the input you received along with that of the advisory committee. Nothing was hidden and you should receive high marks for that.

I was going to chime in but it was obvious from those who did which fluke option was by far the most favored.

Final things:

a. Why did the one Council member vote no? What was his beef?

b. Is there really going to be an honest and sincere effort to look at and possibly split the state?

c. I also feel that coming up with regs that allow for more liberal backwater/shore fluke options BUT also regs that allow for a deeper timeframe into October for us boaters would be very much welcomed. Any chance for that to be sincerely addressed?

Again, congratulations on this meeting. Well done.

Philip Welsh

Stone Harbor

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Everything was Great!!! Sound and video was Great!!!! Hopefully we could have more for people that can't attend.

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**Wsmolinski55@gmail.com**

Enjoyed the webinar experience. It was very professional and very well presented. It was very well organized.  I give credit to all involved. I hope that any other meetings can be held a little further north and more centrally located in the state. A job very well done !👍 Thank you for making it available to as many as possible.

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The best and most well organized meeting I've attended. Keep up the great work and thanks for making the public feel welcomed and their opinions being heard and appreciated.

Nice work!

Gerry Zagorski

Founder/Owner

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Mr. Brust,

The meeting was as always well-run and the webinar experience was smooth.

One comment about how the flounder options were presented in the run-up to the decision. I do not recall reading anything published by DEP or in the fishing-related press that stated that the proposed regulations would be in effect for 2 years. Maybe I missed it but I believe this could have been more clear. This information might have influenced public opinion if it had been more clear.

Thanks,

Michael Doebley

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**Jackwilson181@gmail.com**

Thanks for setting up the meeting access online.  It was a great picture and audio.

Well done!  
Jack Wilson

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Good morning Jeff, let me first say thank you for the follow up on the webinar that I recently attended, pretending to the 2024 in 2025 fluke regulations.

The meeting was well attended and well organized and well run.

I’ve been a charter boat captain for 20 years in the Sandy Hook area. I’ve seen a lot the ups and downs of the past seasons, and the ups and downs of the fluke seasons.

Fishing for fluke is a very important aspect for charter and party boats. Anybody On The Water with a business here in the state of New Jersey and fluke especially will tell you that.

Participation by anglers supports many different businesses as I’m sure you’re well aware. Not only the charter and party boats but the bait and tackle shops, marinas, hotels, motels, etc. well, I think you get the picture. regulations that the marine fisheries commission imposes has a huge impact on many peoples lives, and their livelihoods.

Contrary to some views of the recreational Fishing community, charter and party boat, captains are very responsible individuals and we are not out there to vacuum up and the oceans ….,we are all responsible individuals. Having said that it’s my personal opinion That the commercial fluke fishing industry is awarded way too many freedoms in size regulations, and total poundage for the year in relationship to the for hire guys.

I personally feel that charter and Boats should be in their own subdivision from recreational fisherman in order to sustain our businesses. Three fish per person is not going to do it. Consider this…..commercial Fisherman are allowed to keep 14 inch fish then charter and party boats forced to 18 inch fish? Is that fair? Commercials fish for living and so do party and charterboats. Another question, why are charter and party boats fall into the 40% of the total and commercials get 60% of the total?

Personally, all I’m asking for is a level playing field that’s all nothing more. I want nothing more than anybody and I definitely don’t want anything less to sustain my business.

We all know that the figures that are being thrown around as far as mortality, catching release numbers all those figures are an assumption, they have admitted it, and we know it yet it’s been year after year after year at the expense of for hires going out of business….very sad.

Regardless, I’m sure you’re trying to do the best you possibly can as well as the marine fisheries commission and I just wanted to express my thoughts and my frustration that I have felt for quite some time.

Once again, thank you for your efforts and your hard work and it was a very good meeting with a lot of input from a lot of different people….be well.

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hello jeff ,i fish the Shrewsberry and Navesink rivers , the new quota is fine but what i don't like is a commercial fisherman brings different people on his boat every weekend and they all keep the 14 inch size and laugh at all us honest fisherman are they allowed to keep them when only one person has a com license ,i know it's hard to police it but just not fair way to beat system. cleans out the rivers fast at all you can take, thank you James

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**Hagen32903@yahoo.com**

Thank you! It was very well done! Enjoyed it

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Jeff, I did enjoy the webinar. It was very well organized and very informative. It's nice for have the public involved.

Great Job.

Thank you,

Joe McAroy

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Great Job Jeff ,  definitely much more quality to the broadcast- and a much more controlled meeting ,,, awesome turnout as well.

Thank You,

Steve George

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Hey Jeff just wanted to say , thank you for all the info. I was able get posts up on my sites. And it's Great that the committee listed to what everyone had to say

Keep Up the great work.Can you send me a list of any future meetings