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Newsletter of the Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fisherman's Association



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Our meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (March-December) at 7:00pm at the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union 540, 7812 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, VA 23607, across the street from the Peninsula YMCA. The meetings are free and you do not have to be a member to attend. You even get a free door raffle ticket. For directions, go to www.pswsfa.com/meetings.htm.

The next meeting will be on Nov 19th and USCG certified Capt. Zachery Hoffman (of Salttreated Sportfishing, Seaford, VA) will be speaking on "Catching Rockfish. Captain Hoffman prides himself in his ability to serve all levels and age of anglers and is set on becoming a well renound VA/NC fishing guide "Leaving you with sore arms!" www.salttreatedfishing.com.



Congratulations Ken!

IGFA GO FISH MUSEUM CONSERVATION EDUCATE GIVE JOIN



IGFA ANNOUNCES 2014 CONSERVATION AWARD WINNERS

Sportsmanship and conservation go hand in hand – anglers who hope for more and bigger fish tomorrow invariably understand the need to release catches they make today. Since 1993, the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) has been recognizing superlative achievements in fishing conservation with the annual IGFA Conservation Awards, bestowed upon honorees at the yearly [IGFA International Auction & Banquet](#). This year the organization will give Conservation Awards in three categories at the event on January 31, 2014 at their headquarters in Dania Beach, Florida, USA:

IGFA Representative Conservation Award Winner: Dr. Ken Neill III of Virginia, USA



With the family, friends, and crew who fish with him aboard *Healthy Grin*, Dr. Neill has contributed to a number of tagging studies and sample collection efforts. Of the dozens of projects *Healthy Grin* has been thanked for contributing to, Neill reports that some of the most rewarding are the few that have led directly to fishery management decisions. "By capturing young-of-the-year bluefin tuna and collecting tissue samples from bluefin tuna of all sizes, as well as participating in a variety of bluefin tagging projects," Neill reports, "we have helped scientists better understand the relationships between the western and eastern stocks of Atlantic bluefin tuna. This information is now being used in international management decisions."

UPCOMING CLUB TOURNAMENT

Wilcox Bait and Tackle Irv Fenton Rockfish Tournament

December 1-31, 2013

Register with Rick Wineman prior to fishing....
\$20/each member & \$30/each non-member

All entries due by January 14, 2014

E-mail your fishing photos to bayrunner@cox.net (Appreciate date and names of folks in picture)

Baylor Rinck



Charles Southall



Ken Neill



Hunter Southall



Wes Blow



Stan Simmerman



Jeff Dail



Gabe Sava



Chris Boyce



Rob Cowling



John Hunt, Jr.



"Fishing can sure build up an appetite!"



Help Stop Unnecessary Bluefin Tuna Mortality

Proposed management changes could significantly reduce waste of this iconic sport fish

For almost a century, bluefin tuna have been one of the most important big-game species sought by recreational fishermen. However, the development of a lucrative commercial industry, largely catering to the demand for sushi in Japan, has contributed to significant declines of this now-threatened species.



Bluefin tuna are often inadvertently caught on longlines – an indiscriminate commercial fishing practice that employs thousands of baited hooks on fishing lines that stretch for many miles. Pelagic longlines regularly exceed their Atlantic bluefin tuna quota.

In 2012, the fishery threw back dead 239.5 metric tons of bluefin tuna, representing nearly 25 percent of the overall U.S. quota.

New regulations currently under consideration by federal fishery managers would represent a step forward for bluefin management in the U.S. and would benefit other pelagic species hit hard by longlining including marlin, sailfish and swordfish.

To help insure that positive steps are made with bluefin tuna, America's saltwater anglers need to speak up on these important proposed management changes.

To make your voice heard, simply visit the [official comment page on Atlantic HMS Amendment 7](#). **Provided below is a sample comment letter you can copy and paste into the comment form.**

Every comment counts and has an impact. Thank you for doing your part to help improve the management and health of the iconic bluefin tuna.

Below is a sample letter you can copy and paste into the comment form found here:

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!submitComment:D=NOAA-NMFS-2013-0101-0009>

As one of America's 60 million anglers, I am submitting comments regarding changes currently under consideration for Atlantic HMS Amendment 7. The options that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is considering have the potential to significantly improve not only bluefin tuna stocks but also many other highly prized sportfish including marlin, sailfish and swordfish in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico. Catch-and-release fishing for tunas, billfish and swordfish has proven to be hugely popular when stocks of these fish are healthy and allocated in a manner that makes economic sense and conservation sense.

Offshore recreational fishing for species like bluefin tuna has a significant economic impact on many coastal communities throughout the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts, but these opportunities are dependent on healthy and abundant fisheries. You have the opportunity to improve the sustainability of many important large pelagic fish stocks and I urge you to seize the opportunity by strengthening and in some cases modifying the actions you are considering.

Allocating fish from the angling sector to the longlining sector does not make sense and is not supported by any socio-economic analysis. It is completely unfair and nonsensical to punish recreational anglers for the bycatch offenses committed by longliners.

I support the creation of the new seasonal longlining restricted areas in the Gulf of Mexico and in the Atlantic off the North Carolina coast, but these areas should be substantially larger than what is proposed. To meet the bycatch reduction targets needed to protect bluefin tuna when they are spawning, the closure should include the entire Gulf of Mexico and the length of time for these closures must be increased to include March through May.

Do not reopen areas in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico currently closed to longlining. The benefits of these conservation zones are well documented.

An annual bluefin catch cap should absolutely be instituted and the improved at-sea monitoring under consideration should be implemented.

NOAA has a major opportunity before it to change management of bluefin and by extension other highly prized sportfish.

Please consider my perspective in your final decisions.

MONTHLY TOURNAMENT AWARDS

September 2013

SPECIES	MINIMUM SIZE	ANGLER'S NAME	LENGTH
Albacore Tuna	35 inches		
Amberjack	40 inches		
Bigeye Tuna	40 inches		
Black Drum	40 inches		
Blackbelly Rosefish	14 inches		
Blackfin Tuna	45 inches		
Bluefin Tuna	45 inches		
Bluefish	25 inches	Gaston Shepard	18"
Blueline Tilefish	20 inches		
Blue Marlin	Release	Hunter Southall	100"
Channel Bass	40 inches	Gaston Shepard	21"
Cobia	40 inches		
Croaker	16 inches		
Dolphin	35 inches		
False Albacore	25 inches		
Flounder	22 inches	Danny Taylor	25.75"
Golden Tilefish	30 inches		
Gray Trout	24 inches		
Grouper	16 inches		
Jack Crevalle	36 inches		
King Mackerel	35 inches		
Pompano	12 inches		
Sailfish	Release		
Sea Bass	15 inches		
Shark	60 inches		
Sheepshead	15 inches		
Snapper	12 inches		
Spadefish	18 inches		
Spanish Mackerel	20 inches	Chris Boyce	27"
Spearfish	Release		
Speckled Trout	21 inches		
Spot	8 inches	John Hunt, Jr.	9.25"
Striped Bass	36 inches		
Swordfish	Release		
Tarpon	Release		
Tautog	18 inches		
Triggerfish	15 inches	Danny Forehand	16.5"
Wahoo	40 inches	Matt Waddell	46"
White Marlin	Release	Stan Simmerman	84"
Whiting (Roundhead)	14 inches		
Yellowfin Tuna	35 inches	Christ Boyce	22"

Month of Entry:	Deadline byMail:	Monthly Meeting:
May	June 11	June 18
June	July 9	July 16
July	August 13	August 20
August	September 10	September 17
September	October 8	October 15
October	November 12	November 19
November	December 10	December 17

Deadline for turning in your 2013 entry forms:

MAIL ENTRY FORMS TO:

**MR. MILTON HUDGINS
1894 KATIE LANE
HAYES, VA 23072**

(e-mail: judygee03@gmail.com)

or bring them to the meeting!

If you need a "blue sheet" for the monthly club tournaments, you can download a copy from the club's forums board.
If you have any problems accessing the forums board, contact Gary Donaldson at gary66@cox.net and he will get you set up.

2014 PSWSFA ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2014

Crown Point Plaza
950 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard
Newport News, VA 23601
6:00pm – 10:00pm

**Raffles
and a
Cash Bar**

Cash Bar: 6:00pm - 10:00 pm
Hors d'oeuvres: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Dinner: 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Awards and Raffles to follow

PLEASE PRINT:

MEMBER: _____

SPOUSE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER: _____

NAME OF GUEST/S OF MEMBER: _____

CHILDREN: _____

SELECTION: (\$10.00 per plate)

How many:

(____) Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef; Jus Lje\$_____

(____) Boneless Breast of Chicken Piccata, Smothered in a White Wine, Lemon & Caper Glaze.... \$_____

(____) House Made Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes with Smithfield Ham.....\$_____

(____) CHILDREN'S MEAL (10 and under free): Check Tenders, Mac n' Cheese, Chef's Choice of Vegetables,
Rolls/Butter, Milk or Fruit Punch

All dinners (including the children's meal) will have a tossed salad, shrimp cocktail and dessert.

Dessert station will have 1/3 Lemon Meringue Pie, 1/3 Carrot Cake, 1/3 Chocolate Cake

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

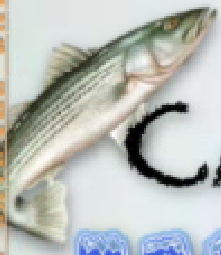
Mail this form along with check payable to "PSWSFA" postmarked by Feb. 21st to guarantee dinner:

TO: Mac McCormick
209 Massell Court
Newport News, VA 23606-2124



Questions:
Contact Mac at 757-286-6580

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10TH ANNUAL CATCHIN' FOR KIDS ROCKFISH TOURNAMENT

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DECEMBER 6-7, 2013

DOCK PARTY SAT EVE

New Tournament Format!
Fishing Fri to Sat- pm weigh in

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WWW.CATCHINFORKIDS.ORG



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PSWSFA 2014 MEMBERSHIP

Dues: \$30 per year for entire *family
(January through December - not prorated throughout year)

<input type="checkbox"/>	New Membership		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	cash	<input type="checkbox"/>	check

(Please Print)

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Dependents Names and Ages:

1) _____ 4) _____

2) _____ 5) _____

3) _____ 6) _____

*FAMILY – must be living with you

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Home Phone: _____

e-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Boat Name/Call Sign: _____

Total number in your membership: _____

Send this form with a check (payable to PSWSFA) to:

**PSWSFA
P.O. Box 5194
Newport News, VA 23605**

Attention Charter Captains: If you are a paid dues member of the club and would like to list your charter service with the Chumline, please send us the information to bayrunner@cox.net.



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Capt. Rick Wineman

Fishing areas range from all over the Chesapeake Bay, Coastal waters off the Eastern Shore down to Ocracoke Inlet NC. Offshore from the Washington Canyon down to Hatteras Canyon.

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