



Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Foundation Committee

To assist in fund-raising efforts for the Foundation

Capt. Mike Warner, Chairman



RISA Foundation provides funding for shore scup signs

In 2013, a new program was instituted to help shore anglers increase the possibility of taking home some fish. One of the few species that are usually available from shore is scup, although the ten-inch minimum size made it difficult to catch a “keeper” in some areas.

So RIDEM approved a change in regulations for a one year trial that would allow shore anglers, at three locations, to be able to keep nine-inch scup. The locations were India Point Park in Providence, Conimicut Point in Warwick and Stone Bridge in Tiverton.

DEM staff monitored the catch on scup at those locations during the 2013 fishing season. They found most shore anglers were cooperative in answering questions, but most



of them had no idea that they could keep a nine-inch scup.

During the process of discussions on the 2014 regulations, RISAA not only pushed to have the program continue, but to increase the number of locations, and RISAA President **Steve Medeiros** said it was important to let shore anglers know of the nine-inch option and offered that the RI Saltwater Anglers Foundation would be willing to fund signs at these locations.

DEM Director **Janet Coit** agreed and the 2014 regulations for scup has a ten-inch minimum size for all recreational anglers EXCEPT that anglers fishing from shore at nine “Special Areas” may possess up to 30 scup at 9 inches

On August 22, DEM Marine Fisheries received the new signs that will be placed at the special scup shore fishing locations.

In photo (l-r) are Kevin Smith, DEM recreational fishing liaison, Jason McNamee, Principal Marine Biologist, Mark Gibson, Deputy Chief, Division of Fish & Wildlife, and Steve Medeiros, RISAA President who delivered the signs.



Bentley Foundation thanks

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Dawn Wood, representing the Bentley Foundation, presents check to Mike Warner, chairman of the RISAA Foundation Committee.