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Representing Over 7,500 Recreational Anglers

RI Saltwater Anglers Foundation Contributes \$15,000 to Improve South County River Herring Runs

Two fish ladders in Saugatucket River to be modified

The Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Foundation has awarded a \$15,000 grant to the Nature Conservancy of Rhode Island towards the modification of fish ladders in the Saugatucket River in South Kingstown for diadromous fish (alewife, blueback herring).

The project, working closely with RIDEM Division of Fish and Wildlife, is scheduled to make these modifications for



Indian Lake spillway on the Saugatucket River

improving fish passage at the Palisades Mill ladder and Indian Lake ladder during the fall of 2018.

The grant from the RISAA Foundation will be used to match a \$50,000 grant from the Rhode Island Coastal and Estuary Habitat Restoration Fund.

Both adult and juvenile river herring provide an important forage base for freshwater and saltwater game fish such as striped bass and bluefish. (to page 15)



MATT DAVIDSON

displays a pair of summer founder that he landed while fishing aboard Skipjack last August off Block Island. The fish weighed in at 8.5 and 5.5 lbs.

Recreational fishing is worth \$332 MILLION to the Rhode Island economy and over 3,000 jobs!

15 YEARS!

NEW ENGLAND



SALTWATER FISHING SHOW

March 9 - 11, 2018

NESaltwaterShow.com



2018 Saltwater Fishing Show Sets New Records!

This year's Fishing Show was the best to date!

"We knew it was going to be special," said Show Committee member **Pete O'Biso**. "The line waiting to get in for the Show's opening on Friday was so long it went the length of the Convention Center and into the parking garage!"

Convention Center box office personnel quickly added two additional ticket collectors at the doors so there would be four lanes to get people inside. At 1:00 on Friday the show doors were opened and for 20 minutes those people flooded in. As soon as the line subsided, the turnstiles were counted, and confirmed a new show record for an opening: 926 people had been in that line!

And the rest of the Show drew crowds the entire three days.

"By our count, 15,400 people attended the show," said **Ed Kearney**, Show Committee member. (to page 36)