

From the PRESIDENT'S DESK



Steve Medeiros



Things that need saying

- Congratulations to the winners of the RISAA Scholarships. As a member of the selection committee, I can attest to the fact that it was VERY hard selecting the winners. We all wished we had another dozen awards that we could give out. The quality of the applicants was very high this year.
- Congratulations to **Rich Hittinger** on his appointment to the Marine Fisheries Council. Get ready for a nonstop learning process. I've been on the Council for 6 years, and there is always something new that comes along. Want to car pool, Rich?
- I'll definitely miss **George Allen** on the Council. He was like my guidance counselor who I could always turn to for an opinion.
- Congrats to the RISAA **Fishing Pier Committee**. While it may not be readily obvious, we just got a big win for public access at Plum Point, *plus* the door was left open for a pier in the future.
- Thanks to DEM Director **Mike Sullivan** for his devotion to public access, his advice and his "open door" policy to us.
- To **Rep. Jan Malik**: we butted heads last year on menhaden, but in the end, it all worked out for the better. This time around you showed us that you believe in public access. Thanks.
- **Bob Masse, Al Amaral, Justin Black, Louis Cahill, Roland Levesque, Bob Donaldson** and the other guys who did the cooking at TAK. That's a HOT job, but well done. You deserve a big pat on the back!



IMPORTANT DATES

Additional information on these events can be found on the RISAA web site at www.risaa.org/events.html

- ☐ July 7 **RI Marine Fisheries Council** - 6:00 PM
Corless Auditorium, URI Bay Campus, Narragansett
- ☐ July 22 **RISAA Board of Directors** - 6:30 PM
- ☐ July 28 **RISAA Monthly Seminar** - 7:00 PM
Fishing 101 - variety of topics & speakers
- ☐ Aug 4 **RI Marine Fisheries Council** - 6:00 PM
Corless Auditorium, URI Bay Campus, Narragansett
- ☐ Aug 16 **RISAA Evening Cruise** aboard the Southland
- ☐ Aug 19 **RISAA Board of Directors** - 6:30 PM
- ☐ Aug 19-21 **ASMFC Summer Meeting**
Crowne Plaza Old Town, Alexandria, VA
- ☐ Aug 25 **RISAA Monthly Seminar** - 7:00 PM
Chef Ralph Batista: Seafood Cooking
Rod Raso: Drifting Worms for Striped Bass
- ☐ Sept 22 **N. E. Fishery Management Council Meeting**
Radisson Hotel, Plymouth, MA
- ☐ Sept 29 **RISAA Monthly Seminar** - 7:00 PM
Capt. Mike Neto: Fall Tautog Fishing

Fisheries News . . .

Hittinger appointed to Marine Fisheries Council



Congratulations to **Richard Hittinger** of Warwick, RI who was appointed last month to the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council by Governor Carcieri.

Richard is a member of the RISAA Board of Directors, and chairman of the Artificial Reefs Committee, Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee and Secretary of the Menhaden Committee.



He holds a Masters Degree in Chemical Oceanography, and another degree in Chemistry and Biology. He was a research specialist for the URI Graduate School of Oceanography in the 70's and also worked as an oceanographer for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Currently, Richard is the President of Alliance Environmental Group, Inc., which is involved with permitting of major new and existing facilities for all aspects of environmental compliance, hazardous waste management, and wetlands.

Richard will fill the seat of **George Allen**, who has retired from the Fisheries Council after 16 years of service.

By law, the Marine Fisheries Council is made up as follows:

The Director of RIDEM or his designee
Mark Gibson of the Marine Fisheries Division

Three from the COMMERCIAL fishing industry:
Kenneth Ketcham (dragger)
Jodi King (shellfisherman)
Stephen Parente (rod & reel)

Three from the SPORT FISHING industry:
Richard Hittinger (recreational angler)
Stephen Medeiros (recreational angler)
David Preble (charter captain)

Two with CONSERVATION and/or marine biology
Dr. Christopher Anderson (URI)
Dr. Seth Macinko (URI Dept of Marine Affairs)

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