

Tide, Sun, Moon can help you catch more fish

Anglers who keep a fishing journal consistently catch more and bigger fish than anglers who do not; but keeping a fishing journal isn't necessarily enough. You need to identify patterns! Identifying patterns from a paper journal takes time and effort. Time is fish. The *Fish360 Journal* identifies patterns for you. You can now find tidal and sol-lunar patterns visually.

AND IT'S FREE!

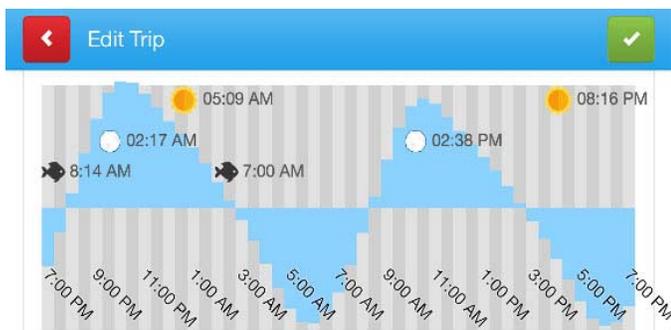
When you sign up to use the *Fish360 Journal* and then add in a fish, you can select a spot with location coordinates, the fish will techno-magically be plotted on a tide graph along with the sunrise, sunset, moon rise, and moon set. This is a great way to visually identify the stage of the tide that is most productive for the spot you are fishing, relative to the time of day, sun, and moon.

Fish360 Journal is a cloud-based fishing journal that is accessible via web and mobile devices. It was created by RISAA member **Julio Silva**.

You can easily manage your trips and fish. You can quickly add spots, rods, reels, lines, presentations, and pictures - which you cannot do in a traditional paper fishing journal. You can search all your data in your fishing journal.

When you add a fish, the sun, moon, tide, and weather information is automatically collected and saved with your fish! And when you add a new spot, the LAT and LONG fields are automatically populated with your current location.

The only reason to keep a fishing journal is to find patterns. In addition to using Search to find patterns, you can also use Reports to help you visualize patterns: Time of Year, Spots, Presentations, and Moon Phase. You can generate these reports for all time and all species or limit them to a specific date range and species.



By default, your *Fish360 Journal* account is private. No one else can see your data. However, you can choose to share your fish catch data with organizations that manage and contribute to the recreational fishing, such as NOAA and your local state fisheries department. A well managed fishery helps the fish and anglers. It's a win/win.

To sign up to use the *Fish360 Journal* go to <http://blog.fish360.net/journal/> for the web based version, or via Google PlayStore for the app. It's that simple

Don't let Texas mess with Rhode Island!

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Letters to the Editor
Providence Journal
Providence, RI

Re: Recent letter from Ben Landry

Omega Protein's strategy of trying to mislead about menhaden may work down in Texas, where the company is from, but shouldn't be allowed to work here in Rhode Island.

The recent letter from Houston-based lobbyist Ben Landry criticizing a column by Providence Journal writer **David Monti** and published by the Providence Journal is a classic case of their long practiced efforts to confuse the public on menhaden protection. Mr. Landry publishes similar pieces up and down the Atlantic Coast despite not living anywhere near here. But facts are stubborn things and Rhode Islanders deserve to know the facts.

The most important fact is that Omega Protein employs zero people in Rhode Island—instead they hurt our economy by catching more than 80 percent of the entire allowable Atlantic menhaden catch. They're catching menhaden that could be attracting more striped bass and other important game and commercial fish to RI waters and helping to create jobs here in RI. The truth is that when one Texas-based company is allowed to take all the fish, Rhode Island's economy suffers.

Also, Omega's lobbyist is wrong in his piece—the science clearly shows that menhaden have been overfished. Based on the 2017 menhaden stock assessment update results, the stock was overfished from a single-species perspective (below the fecundity threshold) as recently as the mid-2000s and was well above overfishing threshold for many years.

Rhode Island has a key voice in the upcoming decision to protect this valuable fish species and I urge Governor Raimondo to pay attention to Rhode Islanders and jobs here—not lobbyists from Texas.

Thank you,
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