

From the RISAA MAIL BOX



Comments regarding the Youth Fishing Camp

My son had such a wonderful time at the fishing camp. He enjoyed meeting new friends and discovered the joy of making a real catch. He even mentioned about getting a boat someday.

We thank you so much for organizing such a great event (all the detailed preparations and help from volunteers) and giving the kids a very meaningful and memorable life experience.

**Sincerely,
Tony Chen**

These kids will learn to love the Bay, and then will grow up to be environmental stewards.

To have the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers out there with a whole bunch of kids, teaching them how to fish, that's exactly the kind of thing we wanted to happen here, and so we're delighted. And the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers is a fantastic group that teaches people all about sustainable fishing, about clean water, and about how to have fun on the bay safely.

**Janet Coit
Director, RIDEM**

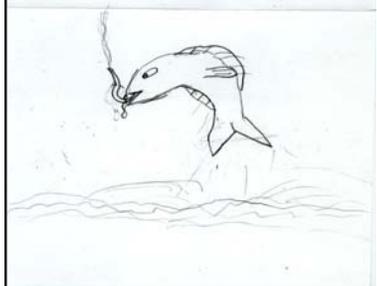
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from,

Kennan Hunter, age 10

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I remember that the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers were one of the advocacy groups that really pushed for Rocky Point and knew the importance of it and really helped explain why it was so important to future generations to be able to use it as well.

**Mayor Scott Avedisian
City of Warwick**

As RIDEM Division of Fish and Wildlife's Aquatic Resource Education Coordinator, I was ecstatic that RISAA was willing to organize and host this amazing camp which introduced children to not only fishing but also to Rhode Island's fisheries resources and the importance of conserving them for future generations. I look forward to partnering up with RISAA again to offer even more fishing opportunities for kids throughout the summer.

**Kimberly Sullivan
Aquatic Resource Education Coordinator
Division of Fish & Wildlife, RIDEM**

I had a great time working with everyone involved. The kids that participated will remember this day and those that followed for the rest of their lives. I look forward to doing more work like this with RISAA in the future.

**Chris Parkins
Marine Fisheries Division, RIDEM
RIDEM**

Great group of guys there. I hope you have a transition plan because this needs to continue on. I felt like all of you are there to help others and volunteer to keep a part of our heritage, way of life and important pastime alive and passed on.

I noticed was that I was I think the youngest guy there for all three days and I am 55. Maybe other working members help at other events and will fill in the team as others grow older and can't judiciously do it, but it was on my mind regarding the future.

You have a great thing going Steve and I know you burn the midnight oil to keep all the planes flying.

**Michael Casey
RISAA Member**

Thank you for the fishing camp!

Mandy had a great time that she never try before. I can feel how she is excited to sing and talking the fishing, especially she kept wearing the hat to the bed.

Thanks again to give the great opportunity for her to know the right thing in the future!

**Anna So Chan
Parent**