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Representing Over 7,500 Recreational Anglers

Rhode Island In Leadership Role on Key Menhaden Decisions For Atlantic Coast

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On August 17, a meeting was held at RIDEM headquarters in Providence to discuss local menhaden issues and the upcoming proposed changes at the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) level.

In attendance was RIDEM Director **Janet Coit**, **Larry Mouradjian**, Associate Director, **Robert Ballou**, Assistant to the Director, and **Jason McNamee**, Chief of Marine Resources.

Also, representing recreational anglers was RISAA President **Steve Medeiros** and 1st Vice President **Richard Hittinger**. In addition was **Mike Jarbeau**, Narragansett

Baykeeper from Save The Bay, **Benson Chiles** and **Bev Landstreet** from the Menhaden Conservation Project and **Meg Kerr** from Audubon of RI.



The above national groups asked to participate because Rhode Island is currently in a unique position at the ASMFC with **Robert Ballou** as **chairman** of the Atlantic Menhaden Management Board and **Jason McNamee** as **chairman** of the Menhaden Technical Committee.

Because of these leadership roles, Rhode Island has an opportunity to make a positive difference in menhaden management now and in the future! (to page 8)



Member
ALEC GRANDE
CAUGHT THIS
23 INCH
FLUKE
WHILE
FISHING
NEAR THE
NEWPORT
BRIDGE ON
JUNE 23
USING SQUID
FOR BAIT

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

Reich appointed to RISAA Board of Directors

On August 27, **Richard A. Reich** of Narragansett, RI was appointed to fill the position of Sergeant-At-Arms.

The vacancy occurred when Michael Lawing, a police officer, had to give up the Sergeant-At-Arms position because of a change in work hours.

Per RISAA By-Laws, when a vacancy occurs in the middle of the year, *the President shall nominate a Member to serve the remainder of the term, with the consent of the Board.*

President Steve Medeiros nominated Reich who was unanimously approved.



Richard Reich

Reich - known as "Richie" to friends - is a 16-year RISAA member. In addition to volunteering for RISAA events such as the Fishing Show, Youth Fishing Camp and Take-A-Kid Fishing Day, he is currently chairman of the Surfcasters Committee.

He will serve until December 31 when the 2018 Officers and Directors take over.