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Representing Over 7,500 Recreational Anglers

Bays and rivers are cleaner, climate change accelerating but what about the fish?

Fishermen have known for a while that the composition of fish in the Bay has changed.

by Capt. David Monti

As a fisherman, I was excited when I first got my eyes on *The State of Narragansett Bay and Its Watershed Report* that was released on October 23 at Save The Bay Center, Providence, RI. I was pleased to find out that Narragansett Bay and the rivers that feed it (including the Blackstone, Taunton and Pawtuxet Rivers) are much cleaner.



With warming waters in the Bay, cold water fish like winter flounder have moved out.

The discouraging news was that accelerating impact climate change will have on our salt marshes, the sea grass, fish populations, Narragansett Bay and surrounding communities. Air, Water temperature and sea level are rising. (to page 3)



Member Steve Brustein and Michael Weaver with summer flounder, scup and black sea bass (warm water fish) that they caught in Narragansett Bay this summer.

GOVERNOR GINA RAIMONDO
and her family caught black sea bass and fluke while fishing aboard the Seven B's off Block Island a few weeks ago.



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

RISAA & DEM in Adopt-A-Ramp program

Adding to the list of joint programs with DEM, the R.I. Saltwater Anglers has agreed to "adopt" the renovated Goddard State Park boat launch facility. At least two RISAA members will monitor the new ramp for damage, trash, etc. RISAA also had adopted the Galilee boat ramp.



Roger Monfette, DEM Regional Manager who runs Goddard Park, accepts the Adopt-A-Ramp sign and a monofilament line collector from RISAA's Roger Tellier. Both were to be installed by the end of October.