



# CLASSIFIEDS

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## BOATS FOR SALE

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**19'** Mako Center Console, 1970, w/115 HP Suzuki, dual batteries. Incl. long trailer, Penn GTi 330 reel & 6.5' pole w/100 yds wire line, two 80" dive tanks, 100' dive hose. \$4,300. Call Bob at 401-578-2223



**23'** Grady White Gulfstream hardtop, w/225 HP Yamaha 4-stroke, remote windlass, new Garmin electronics w/10" screen, new VHS, FW washdown, SW washdown, head, sink, ice box, 10' outriggers, duel batteries, live bait well, \$37,500. Call Chuck at 401-527-8344

## INFLATABLES

**10' 6"** AB Inflatable, 2003, fiberglass bottom, with Honda 15 HP short shaft OB, and Karavan galvanized trailer. Boat & outboard have storage covers. Bought and put away for future use, but never used or put in water. Must see, senior owned. Replacement value \$7806, will sell for \$4,900 FIRM. Call Terry at 401-598-7850

## MARINE ELECTRONICS

Lowrance HDS-8 Generation 2 chart recorder w/structure scan (both side & down scan), like new, w/LSS structure scan module, 2 transducers (455/800 kHz structure scan and 50/200 kHz skimmer), power cable, spare cover, stored at home when not in use. \$800. Call Steve at 508-542-1477 or astackle@comcast.net



## FLY FISHING TACKLE

Orvis 4 piece rods with case, used, 8, 9, 10, 11 w e i g h t rods. All m o d e l s \$ 2 0 0 - \$ 4 0 0 , Helios and Helios 2. Call Rene at 401-359-3625



Vintage Bamboo Fly Rod, Heddon Featherweight Thoroughbred #14-8. Near perfect condition, all original, never refinished, no cracks, no warping. Rod with two original tips, must see to appreciate. Asking \$300. Call Norm for more photos 401-340-6255



## LESSONS LEARNED (from page 31)

While advocates should never stop seeking public involvement, they would probably do well to spend more time building personal relationships with the commissioners that will make it easier, in the future, to convey the reasons why their positions are the right ones and, in turn, understand the obstacles to those commissioners voting the right way.

### 4. Commerce Secretary Ross has done severe harm to the interstate management process

Right now, Wilbur Ross has folks at ASMFC running scared.

Prior to July 2017, ASMFC had a powerful tool to keep states in compliance with its fishery management plans. The Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act provides that, should a state fail to comply with an ASMFC fishery management plan, ASMFC can formally find that state out of compliance and forward that finding to the Secretary of Commerce. The Secretary must then, provided that he or she both agrees that the state is out of compliance and finds that compliance is necessary for the conservation of the relevant species, shut down the fishery for such species in the noncompliant state until that state complies.

For more than twenty years, that system ensured the integrity and the effectiveness of ASMFC's fishery management efforts, as the Secretary of Commerce never failed to support ASMFC's findings.

Last July, however, things changed. The current Secretary of Commerce condoned New Jersey's failure to comply with ASMFC's summer flounder management plan, and overruled ASMFC's noncompliance finding. The precedent established by that action put ASMFC's authority to manage coastal fish stocks in jeopardy, as states now have reason to believe that, should they decide to go out of compliance, the Secretary of Commerce will again elevate profits over the well-being of coastal resources, and overrule ASMFC.

Virginia, and reportedly New Jersey, played that card at the Management Board meeting this week, making it clear that if ASMFC took an action that they didn't like, they would ignore it in the belief that the Secretary of Commerce would take their side. NMFS' opposition to interim reference points reinforced the perception that the Secretary would not uphold them if adopted by ASMFC. That sent a message to a number of commissioners, who decided that support for the interim reference points would ultimately be pointless. It also reportedly concerned some commissioners, primarily state fishery directors, who are concerned for the long-term survival of ASMFC and feared that another incident of the Commerce Secretary overruling an ASMFC action will put a stake through the Commission's heart. (to page 36)