



RISAA Events & Meetings

All events and meetings can
be found online at
www.risaa.org/calendar.html

Jan 22 • 6:30 PM Board of Directors

Jan 26 • 7:00 PM RISAA 21st Annual
Banquet, Quonset O Club, N. Kingstown

Jan 28 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly
Seminar

Jan 29-31 N.E. Fisheries Mgt Council
Portsmouth, NH

Feb 5-7 ASMFC Winter Meeting
Arlington, VA

Feb 19 • 6:30 PM Board of Directors

Feb 25 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly
Seminar

Mar 19 • 6:30 PM Board of Directors

March 22-24, 2019 New England
Saltwater Fishing Show

Mar 25 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly
Seminar

Apr 16-18 N.E. Fisheries Mgt Council,
Mystic, CT

Apr 29 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly
Seminar

May 20 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly
Seminar

June 22 Take-A-Kid Fishing Day

June 24 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly
Seminar

June 25-27 Youth Fishing Camp at Rocky
Point Park, Warwick

July 29 - 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly
Seminar

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Notes from the President's Desk

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Striper History Repeats; Fishing Show Help

A few days ago, I had the need to look back into our own newsletters and looked at my president's message in the January, 2000 issue. Nineteen years ago. That's a long time, but what struck me is the topic was on striped bass and the need to cut back. Sound familiar?

Here's what I had written:

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) has charged all member states (R.I. is a member) to cut their striped bass mortality of 8 year old fish by 14% in 2000. This includes fish in the 32-40 inch range.

"It's not possible to tell the exact age of a fish by it's length," said Mark Gibson, (now retired) senior biologist at the Division of Fish & Wildlife, "just as you can't tell how old people are by their height."

There were proposals of how to reduce the catch of 8 year old fish by 14% by both recreational and commercial fishermen.

A slot limit was proposed whereas we could still catch two fish, but could keep none in the 32-40" range. This would provide the 14% cut, but was deemed unacceptable since it would increase the mortality on fish in the 28-31" range and we would be faced with a shortage of that age group in a year or two.

Another proposal would increase the minimum size from 28" to either 29" or 30" and establishing a season of April 15 to December 15 to achieve the required cut.

As you know, none of those happened and we continued with two fish at 28" for many years... until now, when red flags are again raised about the status of the striper stock.

SIGN-UP TIME!

The biggest event of the year, is our New England Saltwater Fishing Show. As always, we will need **over 100 members to sign up to help out.**

Can you sign up for a simple 3-hour shift? Then after (or before) you can see the show.

Most of the jobs are very easy, like handing out doorprize slips to people that enter the door, staffing the redemption center where people bring the doorprize slips, etc.

We usually need help from a few members who know how to run Powerpoint, and they work in the seminar area (and get to see seminars at the same time).

LICENSE PLATE BOOTH

New this year we will have a booth to help publicize and take orders for our Foundation Saltwater License Plate. We hope to have two members in the booth throughout the show and, like the other jobs, will split it up into shifts. Would you be willing to help in that booth? I would explain to you how to answer all the questions you could get about the show, but it's easy.

REGISTER TO HELP

So, hopefully I've convinced you to help us at the Fishing Show. It's easy to register, just go to our online sign-up site where you can pick the days, shifts and even jobs you want!

Go to:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWShow

ANNUAL BANQUET FOR YOU

Have you ever attended the RISAA Annual Banquet?

If not, how about attending this year on January 26? There's still time to get tickets. (see page 24)

You can bring your spouse, your whole family, a fishing buddy or just go alone! You don't need a date.

We set up the tables so couples sit with other couples and single members all sit together. I can promise you an enjoyable, relaxing evening, meeting RISAA friends, and it's open to everyone.

Hope to see you there!