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**Representing Over 7,500 Recreational Anglers**

## **RISAA notifies wind farm developers of research protocol for recreational fisheries**

On November 28, 2018 the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA) sponsored a seminar intended to open lines of communication between RISAA, the recreational fishing community and the three wind farm developers engaged in projects off Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Three developers, Deepwater Wind/Orsted, Vineyard Wind and Bay State Wind/Orsted sent representatives who made presentations and answered questions to one hundred members who attended the meeting.



President **Richard Hittinger** and 2nd Vice President **David Monti**, who both have been very involved in the wind farm process.

The document discusses concerns of possible impacts on recreational fishing and fish habitat near the wind turbine structures, and it suggests recommendations for the need of sampling before, during and after construction.

Following this meeting, the RISAA Board of Directors approved a protocol document, developed by RISAA 1st Vice

This letter was sent to all three developers, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM). (see page 33)



**3 year old  
Junior Member  
Jonah  
Rosebrock**

**caught his  
first tautog  
while fishing aboard  
the *Charlie B III*  
at Brenton Reef on  
November 18.  
The fish was safely  
released.**

**Recreational fishing is worth  
\$412 MILLION  
to the Rhode Island economy  
and over 4,000 jobs!**

The Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association  
welcomes the

## **Northeast Saltwater Fishing Club**

*Affiliates with RISAA*

Founded 34 years ago, the 55 members of the Northeast Saltwater Fishing Club last month requested to join with the other 28 clubs in the RISAA Association of saltwater anglers.

Based in south/central Connecticut their goals of marine conservation align with RISAA.

Their president, **Martin Thurston**, will represent the club on the RISAA Legislative Committee.

