

# The River News

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## Shad & River Herring Management Plan

### Shad and River Herring Plan

The following is the text of a news release from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Alexandria, VA - The Commission's Shad & River Herring Management Board has approved sending forward Draft Amendment 2 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for River Herring for public review and comment. It seeks input on proposed requirements for population and bycatch monitoring, as well as commercial and recreational management measures. It is anticipated that the majority of coastal states will be conducting public meetings on the Draft Amendment; information on those meetings will be released once they become finalized.

The Draft Amendment has been developed in response to widespread concern regarding the decline of river herring stocks.

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While many populations of blueback herring and alewife, collectively known as river herring, are in decline or remain depressed at stable levels, lack of fishery-dependent and independent data makes it difficult to ascertain the status of river herring stocks coastwide. Between 1985 and 2004, commercial landings of river herring dropped by 90 percent from 13.6 to 1.33 million pounds. In 2007, Commission member states reported river herring landings of approximately 1.1 million pounds.

In response to declining stocks within their own waters, four states - Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and North Carolina - have closed their river herring fisheries. River herring stocks are a multi-jurisdictional resource occurring in rivers and coastal waters. River herring bycatch continues to be a significant concern. Preliminary analyses indicate that, in some years, the total bycatch of river herring species by the Atlantic herring fleet alone could be equal to the total landings from the entire in-river directed fishery on the East Coast.

The Draft Amendment proposes a suite of management measures to address these concerns and ensure the survival and enhancement of depressed stocks or the maintenance of presently stable stocks. The Draft Amendment proposes mandatory data and bycatch monitoring provisions, as well as options to close fisheries by river system or establish a coastwide moratorium on the river herring fishery. Specific

commercial measures include area closures, escapement provisions, and landings reductions by river systems, as well as limited access. Recreational measures include recreational license/permit, limiting recreational harvest by the days of the week, coastwide creel limit, gear restrictions, and area or seasonal closures by river system.

The Draft will be available by early September and can be obtained by contacting the Commission at (202) 289-6400 or via the Commission's website at [www.asmfc.org](http://www.asmfc.org) under Breaking News.

For more information, please contact Toni Kerns, Senior Fisheries Management Plan Coordinator for Management, at (202) 289-6400 or [tkerns@asmfc.org](mailto:tkerns@asmfc.org).

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#### Important Dates

**Thursday, Sept 25, 7 PM, Monthly Meeting:**

Dick's Sporting Goods, Franklin Mills Blvd, Philadelphia, Pa in the seminar room, rear of the store on the right hand side.

**Saturday, September 27, Big Cat Shootout II,** Lighting Jack's Marina, Riverside, NJ.

**Sunday, October 12, Catfish Tournament,** Frankford Arsenal Ramp (see page 7 for details).

**Sunday, October 26, Smallmouth Tournament,** Byram Access, NJ

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## Minutes from the July Meeting

The August 28 meeting of the DRFA was called to order by club president Steve Raulfs at 7:05 pm with 27 members in attendance.

### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Matt Kicinski reported a balance of \$5,140.79 in the club treasury.

### Environmental Report:

There was a report of fresh water clams floating around dead in the Schuylkill River between Gladwyne and Conshohocken, maybe from a chemical run off from the fire.

Steve mentioned that at the Girard Point Bridge there is dredging in the Schuylkill River right at the Navy yard on up.

### Fishing Reports:

There were reports that the Float Trip went well, many fish being caught, they had nice weather and a good day.

Sam Shiels has caught 7200 fish so far this year. "Way to Go Sam!!"

### Old Business:

Prizes were awarded to the winners of the Club's Smallmouth tournament. Charles Bay took first place with a 2.03lb fish 17 1/4". Steve Raulfs took second place with a 1.76lb fish 16 1/4" and Lawrence Webre took third place with a 1.75lb fish 16 1/2".

"Congrats" to all!!!!

Ed asked for volunteers for the Big Cat Shootout II, which is on Saturday, September 27. The Captains meeting is on Friday, September 26.

The Club's Largemouth tournament

is on Sunday, September 14 at the Frankford Arsenal Ramp.

### New Business:

It is tentative, but Chris Gatly may be at our December/Christmas Party meeting.

The 2009 Sportsmen Show out of Valley Forge is on January 15th, 16th 17th and 18th.

Steve contacted Bob Murray of Delaware Valley Outdoors, he will be at one of our meetings in the fall.

Club members discussed having a Smallmouth and Largemouth tournament together instead of separate in the tidal part of the river. It will be discussed at an upcoming meeting and be put to a vote.

South Jersey Bass Club Association Bass Bowl is on October 19 at Smallwoods State Park on the Potomac River.

Steve asked for a donation of Lures for the Basket of Lures and also for a volunteer to take care and keep track of the Basket. He also asked for ideas on how to make the basket up to leave at the Valley Forge show. Lures can be brought to the club meetings.

Ron Soto has an underwater camera from John Strada and had a suggestion to raffle it off. It will be discussed at the September meeting. One suggestion was to put it in with the Basket of Lures instead of the Gift Certificate or to sell chances and raffle it off at the Christmas Party. If anyone has other ideas please bring it up at the September meeting.

The winner of \$36.00 from the 50-50 drawing was William Burke.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

## Largemouth Tournament Results

On a hot and humid Sunday 37 members participated in the largemouth tournament held at the Frankford Arsenal ramp. Although the river was low due to a mean low tide because of the full moon, nineteen members showed up at the scales with fish.

First place finisher Lawrence Webre came to the scale with a very impressive lunker weighing 6.46 lbs and measuring 21.75".



Almost as impressive was the second place bass weighing in at 5.08 lbs, 19.5 inches in length turned in by Chris Brower Jr.



**DRFA Contacts:** \* **Tournament Hotline:** (609) 466-7719; **President** - Steve Raulfs, (215) 969-1010; **Vice President** - Ed Evans (215) 399 7297; **Tournament Coordinator** – Steve Raulfs, (215) 969-1010; **Treasurer** - Matt Kicinski, (215) 426-5086; **Membership Secretary** -Karen/Hollis Laing, (215) 612-2814; **Recording Secretary** - Eileen Kicinski. (215) 426-5086; **Editor of The River News** – Rick Mawson (215) 708-1344  
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In third place was Steve Steinmetz with a 2.83 lb, 15.5 inch fish.

A total of 44.5 lbs of largemouth bass were weighed in with the average bass weighing 2.34 lbs resulting in one of the best, if not the best, largemouth tournaments in club history.

### Smallmouth Tournament Results

Thirty-seven members fished in the smallmouth tournament held at Bulls Island ramp on August 24. Twenty five fish arrived at the scale by the end of the tournament.

The morning started with some fog, but it lifted shortly after the tournament started and the rest of the day was just right for fishing.

The largest smallmouth was a 2.03 lb, 17.25 inch fish weighed in by first place winner Charles Bay.



In second place was Steve Raulfs with a 1.76 lb, 16.25 inch fish.



In third place was Lawrence Webre with a 1.75 lb, 16.5 inch smallie.



Rounding out the top ten were:  
 Dan Wermuth, 1.65 lbs, 16"  
 Joe Newton, 1.54 lbs, 15.75"  
 Scott McDonough, 1.48 lbs, 15.25"  
 Pete Antoniewicz, 1.39 lbs, 15.75"  
 Dave Montgomery, 1.21 lbs, 14"  
 Dave Wermuth, 1.15 lbs, 14"  
 Ed Evans, 1.14 lbs, 13.75"



The Winners

### Angler of the Year

Lawrence Webre jumped from fourth place to first place by way of a third place finish in the August smallmouth tournament and an impressive first place finish in the September largemouth tournament. George Hoffman moved into second and Rich Hoffman moved into third place just one point behind his brother George. Steve Raulfs held his first place lead after the smallmouth tournament, but lost it in the largemouth tournament and is now in fourth place.

### Angler of the Year Top Ten Standings

The following standings are current as of September 15, 2008.

#	Name	Points
1.	Lawrence Webre	569
2.	George Hoffman	543
3.	Rich Hoffman	542
4.	Steve Raulfs	476
5.	Craig Schneiderwind	463
6.	Dave Montgomery	446
7.	Scott McDonough	367
8.	Jim Pocetti	363
9.	Pete Antoniewicz	362
10.	Dan Wermuth	358

### 2008 DRFA Tournament Schedule

All of these tournaments (except for the Big Cat Shootout) are free and open to dues paying DRFA members only. Members accrue points for the Angler of the Year competition based on their finish in the eight regular club events. New members may register on the morning of an event, before the check-in time (except for the Shad Tournament). Weigh-in is at the time specified. Late entries will not be weighed. Always check the DRFA Web site or the Tournament Hotline the night before the event to learn about any possible rescheduling or relocation due to water or weather conditions.

Date	Event	Location	Time
9/27	Big Cat II	Lightning Jack's Marina	7 am to 3 pm
10/12	Catfish	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
10/26	Smallmouth	Byram, NJ Access Ramp	7 am to 1 pm

## President's Message

"Four out of every 10 fresh water species stocks are in decline nationally". Striped bass and four species of trout were at the top of the list. That was the report I heard on the radio the other day while I was at work and extremely busy at the time. We have the radio tuned to KYW because it is one of the few stations that we can receive inside our office. Anyone who knows me well will tell you that anything related to fish gets my attention pretty quick; however, I did not catch where the report was generated, which government agency, conservation group, or periodical. Therefore, I will not be able to get any more information regarding this matter.

This quick news flash disturbed me on a couple of levels, even though I have been reading for years about salt-water fish stocks in decline. In every issue of N.J. Angler magazine, Bill devotes several articles to the efforts of legislation, Government agencies, lobbyist, and the details around the debates.

Salt-water fish receive a lot more press than their fresh water brethren. Fair or not that is the way it has been, which is another reason why this news caught me by surprise. Considering that every time I read and hear that water quality is vastly improving, I just assumed the environmental improvement would relate directly to the improvement of all the species therein. Well this is not the case.

This brings me to another thought I had. One of the core functions of the club is to report to its members about issues regarding the health of our local waters and fish. Since we do not have an environmental reporter, we have been doing this whenever the issue gets big enough i.e.: VX gas, which primarily fell on my shoulders to organize and

pursue the facts. Without an environmental reporter, I am sure the next big issue concerning the river, will be up to yours truly to monitor, research etc. Well to be frank, it will be another ball I will have to juggle and I am at my limit of balls in the air now. What you should also understand is that I have received a promotion and this has placed a lot more on my shoulders.

We also need someone to help Rick get reports from tackle shops. Ed needs someone to be the tournament coordinator so he can concentrate on the Big Cat shootouts etc.

If anyone is interested in these assistant type positions, just give me a call at 215-969-1010 or send an e-mail to drfish1@comcast.net. Perhaps a half an hour to an hour a month on your own schedule is all that will be necessary.

## Speaker at September Meeting

Bob Murray from Delaware Valley Outdoors, an Outdoors TV show on Comcast Cable, will be at our September monthly meeting to give a talk on largemouth fishing in the early fall. With fall approaching, this will be a very timely subject. Come to the September meeting and pick up some pointers on largemouth fishing.

## Volunteers Needed to Obtain Fishing Reports.

Volunteers needed to visit local tackle shops to obtain fishing reports. This will be a once-a-month task. Anyone living near any of the following bait & tackle shops that would like to volunteer; your help would be welcomed.

**H & L Bait & Tackle  
Morrisville, PA.**

**Bill's Bait & Tackle  
Phillipsburg, NJ.**

I have tried doing this by phone, but I have had very limited success. On most occasions, I get an answering machine or a busy signal. It would be extremely helpful is someone could visit the shop and get a first hand report.

Anyone interested in volunteering please call me at 215-708-1344 of 267-934-2148 or see me at the monthly meeting on September 25 for further details.

## Never Argue with a Woman

One morning the husband returns after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap. Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out. She motors out a short distance, anchors, and reads her book.

Along comes a Game Warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says, 'Good morning, Ma'am. What are you doing?' 'Reading a book,' she replies. 'You're in a Restricted Fishing Area,' he informs her. 'I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing. I'm reading.' 'Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up.' 'For reading a book?' she replies. 'You're in a Restricted Fishing Area,' he informs her again. 'If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault,' says the woman.

'But I haven't even touched you,' says the game warden. 'That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment.'

'Have a nice day ma'am,' and he left.

### MORAL:

Never argue with a woman who reads. It is likely she can also think.

## Fishing Reports

### Tidal River

#### Tacony/Palmyra Bridge Area

Colleen at **Sportmaster Bait & Tackle** in Philly (215-331-8836), reports that heavy rains have stirred up all sorts of action in the Delaware River. Reports of small stripers and bass have come from anglers fishing north of Neshaminy creek and in the Schuylkill river. Shiners, rattles, and surface lures have been bringing the bass to life. Trout anglers are eagerly anticipating the fall stockings scheduled for the first week in October.

Surf anglers at the Shore Points are still picking up some kingfish with bloods or artificials while anticipating the fall striper run. The blue fishing is hot in Bellmawr, Point Pleasant and Central Jersey. Cooler temperatures are on the way and autumn is the perfect time to try out new fishing spots, techniques, and partners! Enjoy and Good Luck,

#### Northeast/Burlington/Trenton Area

From the website of **Brinkman's Bait and Tackle in Northeast Phila. (215-632-0674)**, for a complete report log on to *Brinkman's Web site:*

<http://members.aol.com/wormpeople/>

### Tidal River

Out on the main river I had several people still catching plenty of catfish and small stripers fishing with shrimp, chicken livers, bloodworms, nightcrawlers and bagels. At Station Avenue Jim picked up five catfish up to 2 pounds. He caught all his fish on shrimp. Several people have been fishing Rhawn Street and the Frankford Arsenal all doing well on cats with shrimp. Some people say they have had days with 3 to 6 fish per man. Only one customer was out this week looking for stripers. He took bloodworms and herring

and fished down below Petty's Island. He said the river was muddy with a lot of small pieces of grass collection on his rigs, but in 4 hours he caught 10 stripers up to 16 inches and two catfish. John was out Thursday picking up four largemouth bass and one catfish on crankbaits and plastic lizards. He fished from Dredge Harbor down to the Tacony Bridge. All the bass were under a pound. Rick was out on Monday bass fishing the Neshaminy Marina catching two largemouth bass along the rock jetties with rattletraps. He also had two white perch and one catfish.

### Non-tidal river

Now JR has been up fishing the Byram section of the river catching smallmouth bass and walleyes. He has been picking up most of his fish on grubs both casting and trolling. He has caught walleyes up to 21 inches and some decent smallmouth bass. Jack was up on Saturday at Frenchtown picking up 20 smallies up to 15 inches on minnows. He was wading the bridge. Two other people were fishing the Yardley section of the river Sunday and they caught some bass but did best with catfish. Fishing live minnows, they picked up 20 cats just below the creek coming out of Yardley. The last report I had from the river was on Monday with this customer catching 11 bass on fly rod poppers just below the New Hope wing dam. He said the fish were all less than 14 inches and were hitting white minnow poppers the best. Now JR called down from the river yesterday, said the river is about 2 inches higher, and off color but still fish-able.

Several people have been fishing the Neshaminy Creek in the Tyler State Park and Playwicky Park sections still catching plenty of smallmouth bass, rock bass and

bluegills. Minnows, twister tails, spinners and top water lures have still been working the best. Charlie was out to the Tohickon a couple of times this week not having much luck. He was out on Sunday only catching a couple small bass with poppers. Back out again on Tuesday evening with plastic worms, twister tails and poppers again only catching a few smaller fish.

#### Trenton/Yardley/Morrisville Area

Dan Leach at **H & L Bait and Tackle** in Morrisville, Pa. (215-295-1400) reports that most of his reports are of smallmouth north of Trenton. Good catches of smallmouth are in the Trenton, Yardley, Washington Crossing and Byram areas on live bait prior to the weekend storms.

#### Washington Crossing/New Hope

Tom at **Tom's Tackle Shop** in Wrightstown, Pa (215-598-9891) reports that smallmouth are being caught with crankbaits in crayfish patterns during the day and with topwater baits in the morning. Early morning is good for walleye trolling minnow raps and shad raps. Neshaminy Creek is giving up smallies and rock bass on shiners, crawfish and 3-inch senkos. Robbins Pond is giving up crappies on shiners and largemouth bass on senkos.

#### Easton/Phillipsburg Area

Bill Pierce at **Bill's Bait and Tackle** in Phillipsburg, NJ (908-859-5729) reports that fishing in his area has been slow and that most anglers are fish early or late in the day with live bait. There are still plenty of big channel catfish being caught on shad chunks. He did have a 5 pound, 3 ounce largemouth weighed in which was caught in the Delaware River.

The water levels in the river are good and visibility is about one to two feet. Water temperatures in the tidal section are in the mid 70's on both the incoming and outgoing tides. Temperatures in the non-tidal river are in the mid 70's.

All launch ramps are serviceable as of this report.

### DRFA Speaker Flounder Seminar

Keith Kaufman, former editor of The Fisherman magazine, has written a book called Flounder Fishing Tactics & Techniques. He has been doing how-to/where-to flounder fishing seminars and talks to promote it, so I thought I would just drop you this e-mail and see if your group might have any interest in having him to a meeting as a guest speaker this fall. If you think it would be a good fit, just let me know and I will put you two in touch.

Thanks - enjoy.

Lenny Rudow  
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### Big Cat Shootout II

The Big Cat Shootout II open tournament will be held on September 27 at Lightning Jack's Marina in Riverside, NJ.

There will be a mandatory captain's meeting on Friday, September 26 at 7:00 pm at the marina.

You can download an application from our website [www.drfishermen.com](http://www.drfishermen.com) or for further information call Ed Evans at 215 768 3089.

### October Tide Predictions, NOAA National Ocean Service

Readings taken at Municipal Pier 11, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
All listings are Eastern Standard Time. Weekends are indicated by bold.

Date	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt
10/01	03:24AM	6.9 H	10:11AM	0.7 L	03:44PM	7.3 H	10:42PM	0.7 L
10/02	04:07AM	6.7 H	10:50AM	0.8 L	04:25PM	7.3 H	11:26PM	0.8 L
10/03	04:52AM	6.4 H	11:29AM	0.9 L	05:08PM	7.2 H		
<b>10/04</b>	<b>12:09AM</b>	<b>0.9 L</b>	<b>05:38AM</b>	<b>6.2 H</b>	<b>12:08PM</b>	<b>0.9 L</b>	<b>05:52PM</b>	<b>7.1 H</b>
<b>10/05</b>	<b>12:54AM</b>	<b>0.9 L</b>	<b>06:26AM</b>	<b>6.0 H</b>	<b>12:49PM</b>	<b>0.9 L</b>	<b>06:40PM</b>	<b>7.0 H</b>
10/06	01:41AM	1.0 L	07:17AM	5.9 H	01:34PM	0.9 L	07:32PM	6.9 H
10/07	02:31AM	1.0 L	08:11AM	5.8 H	02:25PM	0.9 L	08:27PM	6.8 H
10/08	03:23AM	1.0 L	09:05AM	5.9 H	03:20PM	0.9 L	09:22PM	6.9 H
10/09	04:16AM	0.9 L	09:59AM	6.0 H	04:18PM	0.9 L	10:16PM	6.9 H
10/10	05:09AM	0.9 L	10:50AM	6.2 H	05:16PM	0.8 L	11:08PM	7.0 H
<b>10/11</b>	<b>05:59AM</b>	<b>0.8 L</b>	<b>11:38AM</b>	<b>6.6 H</b>	<b>06:12PM</b>	<b>0.7 L</b>	<b>11:56PM</b>	<b>7.1 H</b>
<b>10/12</b>	<b>06:47AM</b>	<b>0.7 L</b>	<b>12:24PM</b>	<b>6.9 H</b>	<b>07:07PM</b>	<b>0.6 L</b>		
10/13	12:43AM	7.1 H	07:34AM	0.6 L	01:07PM	7.2 H	07:59PM	0.6 L
10/14	01:28AM	7.1 H	08:19AM	0.6 L	01:50PM	7.4 H	08:51PM	0.6 L
10/15	02:12AM	7.0 H	09:04AM	0.6 L	02:32PM	7.6 H	09:42PM	0.6 L
10/16	02:58AM	6.9 H	09:50AM	0.6 L	03:16PM	7.6 H	10:34PM	0.6 L
10/17	03:46AM	6.7 H	10:38AM	0.6 L	04:03PM	7.6 H	11:27PM	0.7 L
<b>10/18</b>	<b>04:37AM</b>	<b>6.4 H</b>	<b>11:29AM</b>	<b>0.6 L</b>	<b>04:56PM</b>	<b>7.5 H</b>		
<b>10/19</b>	<b>12:22AM</b>	<b>0.8 L</b>	<b>05:34AM</b>	<b>6.2 H</b>	<b>12:22PM</b>	<b>0.7 L</b>	<b>05:54PM</b>	<b>7.3 H</b>
10/20	01:18AM	0.8 L	06:35AM	6.0 H	01:20PM	0.8 L	06:58PM	7.1 H
10/21	02:15AM	0.8 L	07:38AM	5.9 H	02:20PM	0.8 L	08:04PM	7.0 H
10/22	03:14AM	0.8 L	08:43AM	6.0 H	03:21PM	0.8 L	09:09PM	6.9 H
10/23	04:11AM	0.7 L	09:45AM	6.2 H	04:23PM	0.7 L	10:10PM	6.9 H
10/24	05:07AM	0.5 L	10:44AM	6.6 H	05:23PM	0.6 L	11:07PM	6.9 H
<b>10/25</b>	<b>05:59AM</b>	<b>0.3 L</b>	<b>11:38AM</b>	<b>6.9 H</b>	<b>06:19PM</b>	<b>0.5 L</b>	<b>11:59PM</b>	<b>6.9 H</b>
<b>10/26</b>	<b>06:49AM</b>	<b>0.3 L</b>	<b>12:27PM</b>	<b>7.1 H</b>	<b>07:13PM</b>	<b>0.4 L</b>		
10/27	12:48AM	6.9 H	07:35AM	0.3 L	01:12PM	7.3 H	08:02PM	0.3 L
10/28	01:33AM	6.8 H	08:18AM	0.3 L	01:55PM	7.3 H	08:49PM	0.4 L
10/29	02:17AM	6.7 H	09:00AM	0.5 L	02:36PM	7.3 H	09:34PM	0.5 L
10/30	03:00AM	6.4 H	09:39AM	0.6 L	03:16PM	7.2 H	10:17PM	0.6 L
10/31	03:42AM	6.2 H	10:18AM	0.7 L	03:55PM	7.1 H	11:00PM	0.7 L

All times are listed in Local Standard Time (LST) or, Local Daylight Time (LDT) (when applicable). All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

Station	Time Differential		Height Differential	
	High	Low	High	Low
Marcus Hook, Pa. -1 29	-1 29	-1 16	*0.90	*0.90
Bridgeport, Raccoon Creek, NJ.	-1 13	-0 55	*0.87	*0.87
Darby Creek, Pennsylvania				
Tincum National Wildlife Refuge	-0 26	+0 18	*0.71	*0.71
Paulsboro, Mantua Creek, NJ.	-0 25	-0 28	*0.90	*0.90
Woodbury Creek, NJ.	-0 19	-0 23	*0.93	*0.93
Schuylkill River, Market St Bridge	-0 26	-0 09	*0.97	*0.97
Westville Rt 47 bridge Big Timber Creek NJ.	-0 04	-0 06	*0.94	*0.94
PHILADELPHIA, Municipal Pier 11	+0 00	+0 00	*0.00	*0
Bridesburg, Philadelphia, Pa.	+0 11	+0 13	*1.04	*1.04
Palmyra Pennsauken Cr. Rt73 Bridge, NJ.	+0 49	+0 57	*0.84	*0.84
Pompeston Creek, NJ.	+0 19	+0 37	*1.02	*1.02
Bridgeboro, Rancocas Creek, NJ.	+1 09	+1 09	*1.03	*1.03
Cornwells Heights, Pa.	+0 40	+0 49	*1.14	*1.14
Burlington, NJ.	+0 41	+0 58	*1.17	*1.17
Edgely, Pa.	+1 02	+1 19	*1.24	*1.24
Fieldsboro, NJ.	+1 01	+1 30	*1.26	*1.16
Trenton, NJ.	+1 12	+1 48	*1.30	*1.05

Height Differences: for most stations, use of predicted height difference would give unsatisfactory predictions. In such cases they have been omitted and one or two ratios, indicated by an asterisk (\*), are given. To obtain the height of tide at the subordinate station in these cases, multiply the height of tide at the reference station by the ratio listed. The result is normally rounded to the nearest .1 foot

# DRFA Club Catfish Tournament

Check Main Schedule on page 3 for time and date

Frankford Arsenal Ramp

Off Tacony Street, Philadelphia, Pa. (just south of the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge)

**The DRFA STRONGLY SUGGEST that all participants wear a PFD while their boat is under power.**

## RULES:

- All participants must check in during the hour preceding start time.
- There is no entry fee.
- Only paid members of the D.R.F.A., and qualifying family members \*, may participate and weigh-in fish. (The most recent membership list will be present at weigh-in.)
- Only one (1) Catfish per person will be weighed. The heaviest fish will determine the winner.
- In the event of a tie in weight, the longest fish will determine the winner.
- The fish must have been caught on that day during the hours of the tournament.
- The fishing area will be limited to the part of the Delaware River and its tributaries that can be reached by boat from the Frankford Arsenal Access Ramp. Shore fishing is permitted.
- Weigh-in is at scheduled end time. Those arriving late for weigh-in will not be permitted to weigh-in fish.
- Only legal fishing methods of the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania may be used.
- The tournament judge will have final say in all disputes.

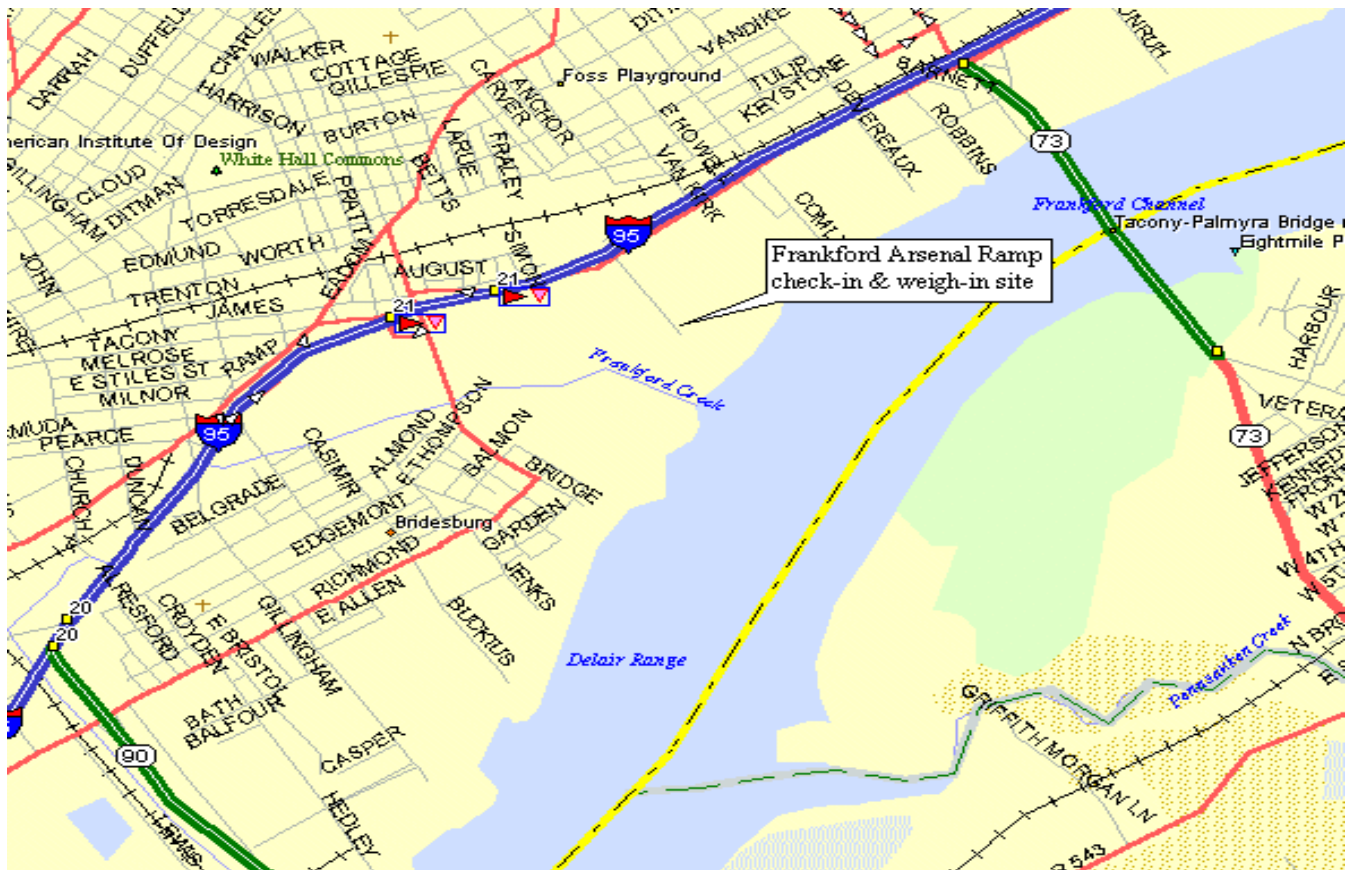
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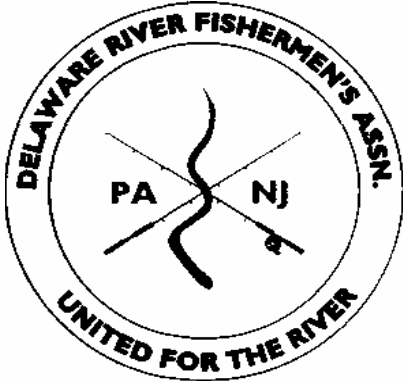
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\*Qualifying family members can only participate if a Family Membership has been purchased. Qualifying family members include any member of the immediate family residing at that home and any immediate children, up to the age of 16, no matter where they live. Grandchildren up to the age of 16 also qualify, no matter where they live.



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