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Kole Gibbs
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Dear Kole:

One of the goals of the Delaware River Fisherman's Association is to improve or unify fishing rules and regulations along the Delaware River.

After a discussion with our membership, we feel that the following proposal would help achieve this goal and improve the image of New Jersey's freshwater anglers. Our association would like to see the American Shad classified as a gamefish from the Commodore Barry Bridge north. Each New Jersey angler would have a daily bag limit of six fish. This new regulation would not be applied to the Fred Lewis family's commercial interests in Lambertville, New Jersey.

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There are several purposes for these changes.

1. A six fish bag limit would unify fishing regulations between New Jersey and Pennsylvania.
2. As sportsmen, there is no need to kill more fish than necessary. The unnecessary killing of fish, especially one that isn't a culinary delight as prepared by the average cook, does little to promote the public opinion of a wise use of our outdoor resources.
3. Few Herring spawn north of Frenchtown, New Jersey. The American Shad, being a prolific breeding fish, plays a vital role as a provider of baitfish for other gamefish in the northern portion of the Delaware River. Our association has nothing but praise for the development of the smallmouth fishery within the Delaware River. Going hand-in-hand with the growth of this fishery is the increase in American Shad returning to spawn each year.

We have no objection to your reviewing our proposals with Bob Soldwedel. We welcome any input to the subject

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Sincerely,

Joseph Wildberg
Delaware River Fisherman's Association

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