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White Perch certified as new state record and may be considered for a possible world record

Richmond, VA - The State Record Fish Committee of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) has confirmed a new state record white perch caught by Beau McLaughlin of Virginia Beach. The committee members reviewed the application, verified the location of the catch as well as the species, weight, length, and girth of the fish. McLaughlin caught his gigantic 3 pound, 2 ounce fish on June 13th in a private pond in the Virginia Beach area.

What started off as an average day of bass fishing, using live minnows, turned into the catch of his life when the big perch hit. The fish was 17.75 inches long and had a girth of 13.25 inches. McLaughlin's catch easily surpassed the existing record, set in 1995, of 2 pounds, 8 ounces.

The International Game Fish Association (IGFA) will review and possibly consider official certification of the trophy white perch as a potential new world record. If certified by the IGFA, McLaughlin's white perch will exceed the previous world record by one ounce, which was set by Edward Tango from New Jersey on May 6, 1989.

For a complete list of the current State Record Freshwater Fish, visit the Department's web site at www.dgif.virginia.gov.



Volunteers needed to teach students about the Chesapeake Bay and natural resources

Annapolis, Md. - Adults interested in educating elementary and middle school students about the Chesapeake Bay, its marine life, and other natural resource issues are invited to become a part of TEAM (Teaching Environmental Awareness in Maryland).

Established by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in 1998, TEAM now reaches more than 6,500 students annually in public and private schools across the State. TEAM currently offers schools free classroom programs on the Chesapeake Bay watershed, streams, oysters and oyster reefs, horseshoe crabs, and Bay waterman.

Volunteers should be outgoing, have a strong desire to protect the Bay and enjoy working with children (grades 3 to 8). No prior teaching experience is necessary. Volunteers must commit to participating in at least four programs at any school over the period of a school year.

The next workshops will be held on August 2 and 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Patuxent Research Refuge National Wildlife Visitor Center, located at 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, Md. Both days are required. Participants should bring their own lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

To register for a workshop, volunteers should contact Amy Henry at 410-260-8828 or ahenry@dnr.state.md.us. Schools can get more information on this free program and request a TEAM teacher in their classroom at dnr.maryland.gov/education/teamdnr.

Maryland DNR welcomes public input on Chesapeake Forest hunting areas

Snow Hill, Md. - The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Service invites the public to share their thoughts on the proposed changes to hunting areas on 7,812 acres of Chesapeake Forests, located on the State's lower Eastern Shore, for the 2012-2013 hunting season.

"The public's input will help to ensure that DNR's Forest Service has not overlooked any important considerations regarding the layout of hunting areas within this forestland," said Director Steve Koehn.

The purpose of this proposal is to make adjustments to several current tract designations to better accommodate and serve both public hunting and leased hunting opportunities. The public areas allow all licensed hunters to take advantage of the sport, while the leased areas are rented out to a variety of groups, clubs and organizations.

DNR is gathering the public's input before a decision will be made, the final step in the three-step review process. The first step consisted of an


internal review by a team of resource professionals from the Wildlife and Heritage, Fisheries, Forest, and Park Services, and Land Acquisition & Planning.

The second step had an appointed citizen's advisory committee review the proposals. After the public comment period, the forest manager will review the comments and make any final adjustments to the plan as necessary.

Each proposal consists of a brief summary, individual tract maps and a vicinity map. All comments should be as specific as possible — those that are too general or vague may be difficult to properly interpret and carry out.


Citizens are invited to review the proposal and share their input at dnr.state.md.us/forests/CF_Proposal_HuntingTracts.asp. DNR is accepting comments now through August 11, 2012.

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By Lenny Rudow

“HOOKED ON FISHING”

10 Top Surf Fishing Tips

For some people, fishing is more about relaxing than it is about catching. I am NOT one of those people. But there is one form of fishing which encourages being laid-back and care-free, which I can still get into—and I’m sure the rest of you will, too. It’s surf fishing. No, we don’t have the best bite along the Atlantic coast, here in Maryland’s breakers. Yes, you are likely to catch a lot more fish if you jump on a boat, or head for the inlet or bay. But if you need a break and want to relax, maybe, just maybe, a day of surf fishing will be exactly what the doctor ordered.

Just picture yourself walking out over the sand, listening to the pounding surf, feeling the soothing oceanic breezes. You set your sand spike into the beach, drop in your

rod, bait the hooks, and make a cast. The waves beat in a steady, calming rhythm, and all of the world’s stresses melt away... until suddenly, those peaceful surroundings are smashed to smithereens—you just missed a bite! If you’re anything like me, that’ll make all the gushy stuff about relaxing and being at peace disappear faster than a bunker in a bluefish blitz. At this moment, nothing on Planet Earth will matter half so much as getting on a fresh bait, and hooking that sucker. So much for relaxation... here are 10 top surf fishing tips that will help you catch those fish!

1. Never sit rods intended for nibblers like kingfish, spot, and croaker in a sand spike. You’ll need to set the hook on these fish, which is best done by holding the rod and being ready for the bite. Sit it in a sand spike, and you’ll miss half the fish that strike.

2. Fish double-fisted. Sort of. No, you really can’t hold two rods at once when surf fishing, but you can effectively fish two rods at the same time. The trick is to set up a large surf rod with a bait-runner reel for larger fish, and a smaller spinning rod for panfish. After casting the

large rod out, set it in a sand spike and turn on the bait-runner. Then cast your smaller rod, and hold onto it. You can stare at the rod tip on your big rig to watch for bites, and since you’re holding the smaller rod, you’ll feel the fish as soon as they nip—and can set the hook immediately, of course.



Hold the smaller panfish rod in your hands while eyeballing the larger rod for bites, and you can effectively fish two rods in the surf at the same time.

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3. Always fish a little rod, even when you're after big fish. That little rod is going to catch you the freshest bait available—nothing in the tackle shop can match it. Even when you have a bag of fresh mullet or spot, catching one that's fresher can help boost your bite rate.

4. Stop over-casting. The bulk of the fish you'll catch in the surf—particularly when it comes to kingfish and flounder—often come from right behind the breakers. Yes, at times getting as far out as possible does the trick, but not as often as most people think. When the bite seems slow, make sure you're dropping a bait or two just behind the surf line, and you might be surprised at the results.

5. Use braid line, especially in large waves. It works wonders in the surf, because it cuts the water so well. In fact, sometimes you can use 20- or 25-percent less weight with braid, because the waves won't grab the line and pull it free nearly as much. And while we're talking about weights: those old-fashioned pyramid sinkers work, but the ones with a cone on the end work better.

6. Look for a break in the surf line, a slough, a sand bar, or any other abnormality before you set up. Just parking your butt on the beach at the nearest location isn't good enough. Those unusual features draw in fish, and if you can locate one before you start casting, you'll catch a lot more.

7. When crabs are eating up your baits, use squid. They'll still chew it up, but it's the one bait you can yank away from crabs without having it get too torn up, or ripped off.

8. KILLER BAIT ALERT: soft mole crabs. Mole crabs (sand fleas) molt just like other crustaceans. If you can find a softie, you'll discover there's nothing swimming in the surf that doesn't like to eat it. As you fish, simply look for moles



Kingfish can be tricky - often they'll grab a bait, and swim back towards the breakers.

being washed around at the edge of the water, which can't seem to dig down into the sand. Grab 'em before they wash away, and it's likely they'll be softies.

9. Keep some heavy metal handy. There should always be a shiny silver spoon (such as a Hopkins) which has lots of weight for long casts, close by. Keep it ready to go so you can remove your bait rig and snap the spoon on in a flash. You never know when you'll see breaking fish suddenly appear in the surf, and they usually disappear just as abruptly—so you'd better be prepared for them.

10. Never try to surf fish on Assateague during the evening, in light west winds. Green flies – 'nuff said!

Extra Bonus Tip: Your line suddenly goes slack, and when you reel it in, one or more baits are gone? The culprit is most likely a kingfish, and you over-casted it. Kingfish usually like to feed close to the shore, and when you've casted past them, they'll sometimes dart out to grab your offering then swim right back towards shore. Try making a shorter cast, and be ready to set the hook on a hair-trigger if your rig suddenly starts "swimming" towards the beach again.



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“TACKLE BOX TIM”

Tips for Summertime Small River Fishing

By Tim Sherman

In late spring I took advantage of the Memorial Day and Father’s Day holidays to wade in the Gunpowder River. She was flowing at a moderate rate and normal height. I returned three weeks later after the oppressive heat wave in late June and early July. Where I was wading in waist-deep water in mid-June, I was now standing in water at mid-thigh. The river reveals itself much better when it’s low. It should fish much easier to fish because smallies have limited cover that they can use to stage out of the current. Current is much easier to read because it now is slow and makes itself obvious as it flows across the rocks. Many times there will be a bubble trail that gives it away.

Low water and obvious current should make bass easy pickings,

right? Not necessarily. On two trips in late spring my wading partners and I caught more and larger fish. Gin clear water that allows us to see smallmouth bass and sunfish also allows them to see us. I’ve caught a few smallies that I spotted, yet many have spooked even with a cast that was well in front of them.

There are defined patterns in summer that will produce summer small river smallies. In as much as there’s a need to determine largemouth and striper patterns in tidal water, I fully accept the challenge of figuring out smallmouth bass in flowing water. The first concept in the pattern is simple. There are only so many places fish can hide. The majority of the cover in flowing water is rock -- boulders, single submerged large rocks, and multiple rock formations. The second factor is current.

You find smallmouth bass tucked into rocks along the current in summertime. They don’t have to work as hard and their food source is often delivered directly to them. The final element is what they are currently eating. Their diet is not that complex.

Minnows and crawfish make up their diet. Some of the large smallmouth bass may even eat the smallest sunfish in the river.

I typically make my wading trips in the morning. Before the full effects of the sun’s ray hit the river there is a good chance of catching smallies and sunfish on surface and twitch lures. With this approach you really don’t need to be exact in your casting. Aggressive fish will come out of hiding to hit small prop baits and Crickhoppers.

As the sun crests over the trees the surface bite all but dies. It’s time to figure out where the smallies are hiding and what they are eating. Quite honestly, having a wading partner makes the process go much quicker. Having two different lures cast to the bass expedites the process.

I’ll start by casting to all the haunts

with a tube, jig, or stick worm. Shaded banks, rocks in the deepest water available, and boulders all have the potential to hold bass. If I don’t get a strike after casting to the gauntlet of cover, I’ll switch to another lure while making my way up stream. I’ll also watch the river for fish movement. I’ll cast ahead of a smallmouth making its way up stream to see how he reacts. If it veers off its path it is not aggressive. Yet if he keeps course, you have a chance to catch it. If it makes a bee line for your lure, you’ve likely found the lure it and the rest of the smallies in the river will strike. Keep in mind that most of the time this third scenario is NOT the case.

Your next step is to probe all the types of cover with another lure if you can’t spot roaming bass. I’ve found that when you get the first smallie to



“Tackle Box” Tim caught this 14-inch smallmouth bass on a tube in the gin-clear Gunpowder River.

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bite, you've typically found the right lure. If I'm lucky enough to have it tied on from the start, I'll catch fish all the way upriver. Unfortunately, sometimes I don't get it figured out until late in the trip. If time permits I can walk the trail back downstream and start over. Typically that doesn't happen.

I've learned through time that sunfish can clue you into lure selection. If you are casting a tube, jig, or stick worm and you feel the rapid fire bite of a sunfish, you're in the ballpark with your lure selection. If you don't tempt the smallies with the lure, try the same lure in another color. On one trip this year, I had to go through three different colors of my 3-inch Wacko stick worms to find the hue that would work. Four days later, they wanted a completely different hue. Fortunately, I started the day with that worm.

Keep in mind that no two days on the river are the same. Two years ago Brian Johnston and I fished the Harford Road stretch of the Gunpowder River and had good catches on jigs. I went back three days later in the afternoon.

It was hot that day so I went right to the high percentage area with shade, a deep water bend, plenty of rocks, and current. The river also has decent fall rate to it there, thus the current. This is an area I can count on to catch smallies even on the toughest days. I had my jig tied on ready to whack the smallies. I never got a bite and spent longer than I had anticipated trying to force feed the smallies.

I knew that they had to be in this prime area. There's no place close upstream or downstream as good. I went back through the area casting a stick worm and caught 8 smallies in the shade, along large rock clusters, and in the current-fed deep water holes. It's hard to believe that they would bite a jig so well one day but not three days later. The key point

here is to try different lures in prime bass holding areas.

Some final tips to consider are these. Remember to cast past and upcurrent from your target so your lure will be in the strike zone for the maximum period of time. Make multiple casts to cover. Hit the front, back, and both sides. When you find smallies holding in the shade or on rock clusters, don't forget to cast to the large solitary rocks. Large small-

mouth bass are often loners. Your best smallie of the day can come from an inconspicuous lone rock.

Our small rivers are often overlooked for quality fishing. The Gunpowder, Patapsco, and Monocacy Rivers aren't big but they can provide plenty of action from smallmouth bass. Try some of these pointers and tips and you will increase your catch while wading in a stream, creek, or river near you.



Ryan Holtzmer caught this 15 inch Crappie this past spring in Centennial Lake. Photo Courtesy of Clyde's Sport Shop.



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Ten Worst Hunting Sins

By Mike Monteleone

Most hunters can relate to getting picked-off by a deer at one time or another. Others might relate to a season when sightings deteriorated at an accelerated rate as the season progressed. Although we probably didn't realize it at the time, there's a good chance that there was something we did or didn't do that was ultimately the cause and effect.

There are many factors that contribute to a successful season, unfortunately, there are equally as many elements that could send it spiraling into the depths of doom! It seems that each year brings a new mistake committed by one of my hunting buddies or me, and there's no question that old mistakes get repeated. I've compiled what I believe to be the largest mistakes that weigh heavily on the outcome of any season.

Preseason Scouting

It might be the biggest sin, but if not, too much preseason scouting ranks near the top. I've had friends complain to me that they were seeing deer before the season and in the same sentence they tell me how they scouted right up until the opening day. Preseason scouting for me starts in the post season when I've had the lux-

ury of scouting the entire area freely knowing that any lingering scent or intrusion would be well forgotten before the season rolls around. One of my favorite preseason scouting tactics incorporates observation sites, trail cameras, and long range glassing in the late summer months. Past experience has proven that glassing a standing corn and soybean field in the early morning and late afternoon hours is my best summer scouting method.

In-Season Scouting

I'm quite sure we've all committed this sin by scouting too much after the season opener. Some archers feel they need to scout frequently in order to keep tabs on a buck. Unfortunately, in many cases, the buck ends up knowing more about us than we know of him! Regardless of what size buck or old doe I'm hunting the primary objective for each and every day is maintaining the element of surprise. To accomplish this I take a conservative approach to in-season scouting. Unless it's absolutely necessary, my scouting consists of bi-weekly trips to trail cameras and long range spotting.

No Scent Control

Underestimating a whitetail's sense of smell is another common sin. The best way to combat a deer's nose is to incorporate a personal scent control program to avoid leaving or introducing any foreign odors into your

hunting area. This not only includes controlling personal hygiene, but also eliminating those stinks that might be picked up inside and outside the house or vehicle that might impregnate your clothing and gear. Scent reduction should begin with showering and washing clothing in an unscented soap. Although it's a personal preference, I wear a full protective outer layer of carbon/charcoal clothing that includes gloves and a facemask. Before and after hunting, before I get in my truck, I remove all hunting clothing and place them in a plastic container or bag to guard against contamination. When it comes to footwear I prefer rubber boots so that my pant legs can be stuffed inside to avoid contact with high grass, small bushes or the like.

Poor Planning

Another big mistake I see hunters make every year is waiting too long to put together a game plan for the season. A plan should include more than just scheduling your hunting trips around the wonder week. The old saying "You Snooze you Loose" applies to many things in life and hunting privileges is certainly one of them. It's never too early to start knocking on doors, but there is such a thing as being too late. Don't make the mistake of assuming that you will be able to hunt the same farm you did last year. Be sure to keep close contact with the landowner through-

out the rest of the year to maintain and strengthen your relationship. I either call or visit with the landowner several times throughout the summer to lend a hand at odd jobs. Offer the landowner a portion of your harvest in the form of sausage, jerky, slim-jims or bologna. It's a simple gesture to let them know how much you appreciate the opportunity to hunt their land. So when the next hunter asks for permission they are more apt to remember the kind hunter that already has permission to hunt their farm.

Doe Hunt Too Early

I would bet a month of paychecks to say that hunting doe bedding and feeding areas in the early season is the number one sin and one that is committed by nearly every hunter at one point in time, including me! When I think back to my early years I remember when I watched a young buck chasing a doe the first week of the season and jumped to the conclusion that the rut was underway. For that reason, I started hunting the doe concentrations early and ended up doing more harm than good. By the time the rut actually peaked the does had learned to avoid me and my stand locations altogether. My advice is to avoid breeding stand locations until you see the first mature buck chasing or searching for does.

Wind Ignorance

Without a doubt, hunting a stand when the prevailing winds don't justify the associated risk is another huge mistake. Every once in a while a hunter will get lucky and score when the wind isn't perfect, but unfortunately more often than not ignorance bites us. Which stands to reason that having enough stand locations goes hand in hand when playing the wind game. I always have minimum of four stand locations for various wind



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conditions. Normally, if the wind isn't just right for one I'll have three other options.

Not Enough Stands

Hunters often make the mistake of not having enough stands to adequately cover the area their hunting. For example, if I had only a couple of stands for 300 acres I'd constantly be relocating stands and disturbing the area throughout the season. As a rule, I use 2 stands for every 100 acres. The majority of which are hung in strategic locations months before the season begins.

Scent Timing

I've been using scents for over 20 years and in that time I have made some stupid mistakes. From my viewpoint the biggest mistake I made was using doe-in-estrous scent early season. The percentage of does that actually come into heat early is very small. The biggest problem I see with using estrous scent too early is the probability of educating the does to your presence. In fact,

have you ever noticed that does that aren't in heat typically avoid the ones that are? In a nutshell, I use straight doe and young buck urine as a cover scent throughout the season. The two weeks prior to the peak of the rut, I'll begin using dominant buck urine combined with doe-estrous urine until mid-December.

Call Timing

Like scents, there are productive and counter-productive times for calling deer. When certain calls are used too early in the season it can lead to a call that might be ineffective when it should be most effective. Take estrous bleats and grunt calls, for example. These calls are intended for the Pre-Rut, Peak-Rut and Post-Rut. Because does typically avoid bucks until its time to breed, its been my experience that using estrous bleats and grunt calls early in the season is counter-productive when trying to entice bucks during early season.

Lack of Practice

Braggin'-size whitetails don't come easy and if there's a chance of something going wrong it probably will. I believe there would be more

P&Y entries if it weren't for missed opportunities when the moment of truth arrives. Don't make the mistake of not being prepared because the first opportunity you get will more than likely be your last. Practice until you know exactly how your equipment reacts. From tree stand squeaks to peep misalignment; you should be almost intimate with your stuff. Shooting gobs of arrows for months doesn't necessarily mean your prepared for the season either. It's better to shoot a few arrows a day and strive for accuracy. View each arrow as if it were your first and only shot. Shooting at a dot for accuracy is great but be sure to practice on a 3D target from the ground and from an elevated position. Shooting at 3-dimensional targets teaches concentration and builds confidence.

There are certainly

more sins committed by both experienced and amateur archers than those listed here. We learn from the mistakes we make but the biggest sin of all is making the same mistake more than once.



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"ON THE SCENE"

Robby and Bobby go Catfishing

By Andy Aughenbaugh

"It is just too damn hot," Bobby said.

"Yea, but I'm getting tired of just sitting here on the porch," Robby answered, "We need to find something to get into".

Bobby had heard those words many times before and knew it could only lead to trouble. His wife had told him when he heard those words to run. But he never did.

Robby took a long drag from his quickly warming beer, smiled and had an idea. "I know. We should hitch up the jon boat and go up to the Suski for some nighttime catfishing. By the time we hitch up the boat, load up the rods and stuff, grab some chicken livers and drive up to the river, it will just be getting dark. Perfect timing."

Bobby stood without saying a word; grabbed his cell phone and

called his wife. It was going to be a long night.

The jon boat sat in the Robby's driveway in front of the garage door and next to his old Chevy pickup. The twenty year old Mercury 9.9 still ran strong, even if it was difficult to start at times. The 16' aluminum hull had gone through a so called rebuild. Robby spent much of the previous winter replacing most of the rivets, even gave the hull a new camo paint job, and installed two new cushioned fishing seats.

Robby raced inside the house to find his keys. While Robby searched for his keys, Bobby took stock of the fishing gear in the garage and tossed four medium heavy weight spinning rods and the tackle box labeled "cats" into the jon boat. How a man so unorganized with most life could have his fishing and hunting stuff so well organized baffled Bobby.

"Found them!" Robby yelled as the front door slammed behind. The Chevy came to life with the normal bellow of smoke and Robby

backed the truck up to the trailer. Bobby lifted the trailer and set it down on hitch. "You sure that old bumper will hold and not break off dragging the boat behind?" Bobby chuckled, as he connected the safety chains and plugged in the lights.

"You worry too much," Robby replied.

In their small handheld basket, Robby had two small containers of chicken livers and a six pack of Red White and Blue. The young, nose pierced, cashier looked puzzled. "Hun, we're going on a picnic." Bobby explained. "Roasting chicken liver over an open fire with a cold beer in hand. Going to be a good night. Want 'a join us?"



Robby broke out in laughter. "Don't let him pull your leg. We're just the best catfishermen this side of the Mississippi and tonight we're going after the big boys. And yes I'm single. But he's not."

She just smiled and handed the two over grown boys their change. "I think she loves me." Robby said, as he climbed back into his truck.

"Yea, like she loves her grandfather," Bobby replied.

The river was low. The boat ramp was empty. The sun was quickly setting on the western horizon. Robby and Bobby had been fishing together for so long neither had to say a word when it came time to launch the old jon boat. Robby backed the boat to the water line. Bobby jumped out untied the strap, tossed in the cooler full of bait and beer, grabbed the bow line

and yelled, "back it on up."

Bobby refused to even attempt to start the motor while Robby parked the truck. It was his old motor and Bobby didn't want it coming back on him for it not starting. Robby jumped in the boat, reached in the cooler grabbed a beer, and primed the gas line. "Just cleaned the carb. She'll start right up. Guarantee."

To Bobby's amazement the old merc did just that. One the second pull, the thing purred like a new motor. Bobby tossed the bow line into the boat and stepped in. Looking on the floor he saw the receipt. He picked it up and saw it was from Dave's boat repair. "Yea, you fixed the motor alright."

Robby just drew from his beer, laughing, "Hey it is running ain't it? That's what counts." He slid the motor into gear and up the river they went.

"Let's try the deep hole at the eddy off of the side of the big island?" Robby yelled over the motor.

"Sounds good to me." Bobby readied the anchor, a six inch round tube of concrete twelve inches long. Robby had made it years ago from a section of PVC pipe and left over concrete when he had poured his patio. With the bow secured, the river's current swung the stern from the 4 o'clock position to 8 o'clock. "I guess I need to pour another patio so we can get another anchor," Robby joked.

"Man you're cheap. Just go buy one. Hand me a beer before you get liver slime all over them."

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Bobby replied.

With little effort, they rigged, baited and tossed overboard two lines each. Each fisherman had a line on each side of the boat. The sun faded into night. The summer air was perfectly still. Robby and Bobby leaned back in their new padded fishing seats, sipped their beer and watched their rod tips for the tell of a bite.

Bobby broke the silence. "You know once in a while you do come up with a good idea. This is nice out here."

"Got one," Robby answered. He set the hook and the first catfish of the night was his.

The celebration was short lived. The silence of the river was broken with a loud siren. "What in the world is that?" Bobby asked.

"I don't know? I guess shift change for the workers up at the power plant."

"Yea, buddy, fish on!" Bobby yelled next. He quickly boated a catfish the same two pound size of the one Robby had landed a few minutes earlier.

"Looks like scrambled eggs and catfish for Breakfast." Robby said.

Ten minutes later, neither one had another bite. Unnoticed by them the river had begun to rise. The boat tossed back and forth stronger. Bobby finally realized the anchor line getting shorter and his bait coming off the bottom. "The river is coming up, Dude! That siren was the warning that they are opening up the flood gates. We need to get out-a-here."

Damn, guess you're right. Pull



the anchor."

"I'm trying! It's stuck and won't budge!" Bobby yelled. "The bow is starting to go down. Start the motor now!"

Robby yanked on the starter rope. Bobby pulled and pulled on the anchor rope, but it would not move. Each time he pulled on the

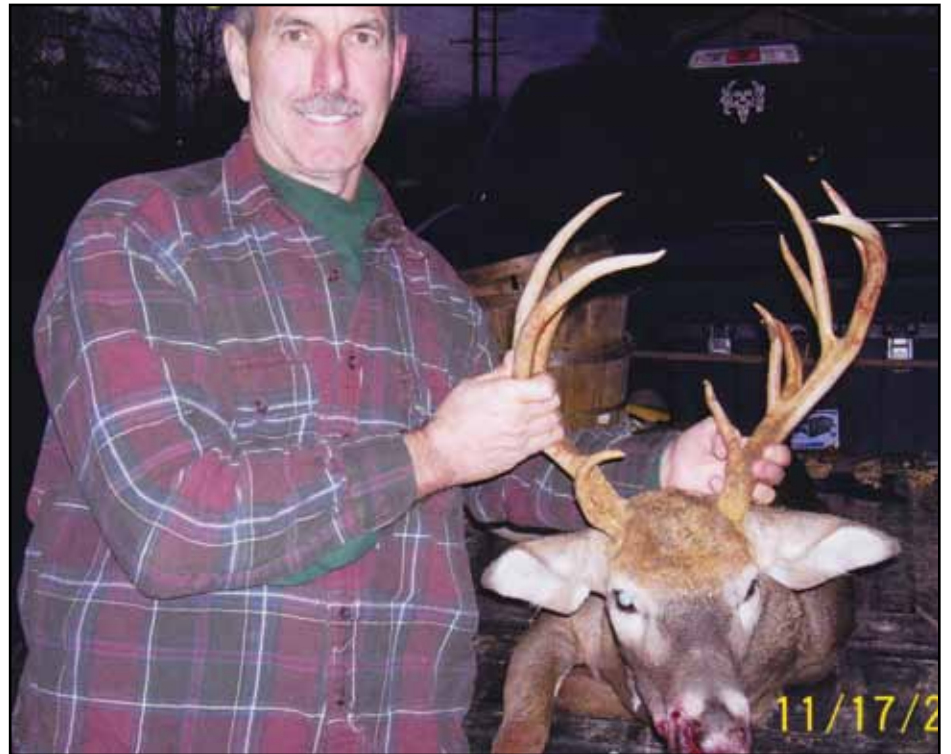
rope, the bow got closer and closer to taking on water. "Dude, I can't get it free!"

Robby yanked on the motor a second time. The motor started.

The water was starting to come over the bow. Bobby had enough of the anchor, reached on his side, pulled his buck knife from the leather pouch and cut the anchor line. With the bow free, it bounced up and the boat started to float

down river. Robby slammed the motor into gear. "It's all good, partner." Robby smiled taking another tug from his beer. I never liked that anchor anyhow."

Bobby's cell phone rang. His wife on the other end asked when to expect him home. We just finished fishing and are heading back in now; I should be home in about two hours," he said, glaring at his buddy.



Sam Marino bagged this 11 point buck last November in Anne Arundel County, MD. Photo Courtesy of Clydes Sport Shop

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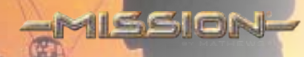
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“FISHIN’ BACK EAST”

THE BADDEST PANFISH OUT THERE

By Jim Gronaw

One of the cool things about fishing for panfish with today’s ultra and even micro-light gear is that it makes little fish seem big. This is especially great news for guys like me who catch mostly small fish anyway. Where as 50 years ago the pan fisherman was limited to a cane pole and a can of worms, today’s pan fishers are appropriately suited with a wide range of tiny, sensitive rods and lines that test but even one pound in strength. Lure companies are producing many types and styles of lures specific to bluegill, crappie and perch fishing applications. Plastics have come a long way, as have hair jigs and tiny crank baits. The fly fisherman was way ahead of the game with the dry fly and nymph

patterns for bedding bluegill and such. Not only is this great sport, but it is challenging when larger panfish are in the mix.

If there is a panfish out there that could be considered the strongest or the toughest, I would have to cast my vote for the hybrid sunfish. There are many natural occurring crosses from sunfish species, in many waters. The ‘hybrid sunfish’ that is most written about and stocked to provide quality fishing is the green sunfish/bluegill cross...a lab creation that produces powerful, fast growing offspring that have powerhouse fighting abilities with an attitude. Hybrid sunfish are readily available from many hatcheries and even from Southern States stocking packages for farm ponds. They grow quickly, topping out at about 12 inches and can weigh 2 pounds. They are popular for small lake owners who want



Jim is showing off a nice Hybrid Sunfish

quality panfishing fast. About 95% of all GSF x BG hybrids are male, which means subsequent reproduction is almost zero. There are male and female hybrid sunfish, with females becoming gravid in the spring, and any offspring from these fish are not as vibrant or durable as the original F-1, or ‘first generation’ hybrids. Stocking of hybrids can work every 5 to 7 years in most scenarios, as older fish become diseased or



die off or are caught and harvested for food.

There are several things I like about hybs. For one, they are without question the strongest fighting panfish I have ever caught. Add to that the fact that they have brilliant coloration on their fins and flanks, looking almost as if it were something out of the Amazon. Thirdly, these fish get monstrous, with 10 to 12 inches being common in good hybrid ponds.

They are viciously aggressive and hit small lures with sledgehammer force and can easily run off 30 feet of drag on the initial run. On 2-pound test line and mini-gear they are a worthy challenge. The only downside to these fish is that most state agencies do not handle them nor do they stock them in public venues. Green sunfish and bluegill waters do overlap, but there is almost zero natural hybridization of these two species in the wild.

My experiences with these fish have occurred in just three private ponds in the Mason-Dixon area. A recent trip to a hybrid hotspot proved once again as to just how tough these fish are. Using a 1/64th ounce grass shrimp pattern hair jig, I casted around the shady side of a pier

and found that the big crossbreeds couldn’t resist. They pounded the jig and streaked off on lengthy runs on 2-pound tackle with brutal surges. Surely, this could not be a ‘panfish’, could it?

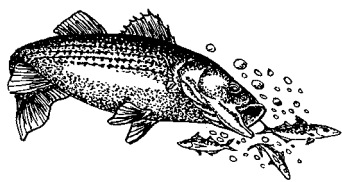
Naww... had to be at least a 3, maybe a 4, pound largemouth. But soon, a huge wide fish would appear, not that long but built like a Frisbee. Wow! Can I even get my hand around that fish? Is he gonna’ snap my two-pound mono? Check out those colors...amazing!

Another neat thing about the hybrid sunfish is the color schemes and variations on individual fish. Most all will have either orange, yellow or white pectoral fins with bright tips on the spiny dorsal of the same color. Barring is not always apparent. Overall colors can be from dark olive to turquoise to greenish yellow. Fin edging is a common trait, and the orange or yellow crescent on the ear tab is also a giveaway. Some big old hybrids just get beat up and look like they have been through a war. Others don’t have a scale missing and are picture-perfect. All of them, to me, are beautiful.

Despite the advantages to the

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GSF x BG hybrids, some pond owners prefer the common bluegill, as its successful spawning efforts will keep an ongoing food source for any ponds bass or channel catfish popu-



A brilliant male hybrid sunfish that hit a 1/32 oz jig...11.75 inches long

lation. Most good hybrid ponds have very little else in the terms of other sunfish species, as the feeding aggressiveness of the hybrids just dominates those other species. In time, a pond that is yielding big hybrids will have only small bass, or perhaps a few holdover giant bass that have been in the system for a number of years.

Pond or lake owners wishing to stock their waters with the hybrid sunfish should research the options through various sources on the internet, as not all ponds are good candidates for these fish. No, they won't overpopulate, but they can overwhelm other species with their nature. They respond well to pellet feeding and can usually attain harvestable size by the 3 or 4th season in most waters.

We have taken them as large as 11 7/8 inches long and approaching the 2-pound mark. Again, they get my vote as the baddest panfish that swims. For more information click on pondboss.com or contact local hatcheries that may supply them. Who knows...you might be doing battle with a huge sunfish sooner than you think!

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Buoy upgrades include heat index, sea nettle reports

By Karl Blankenship

People who want information about conditions — from weather to the chances of encountering stinging sea nettles — before heading out on the Bay should check out the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's "smart buoy" system.

The Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System provides real-time weather and water quality information — as well as a dose of history — and has been upgraded with new features for this summer.

In addition to temperature and other local weather, the 10 buoys in the system now provide a heat index that tells how hot it feels by factoring together the actual temperature with the relative humidity.

They are also providing up-to-date information about the potential of encountering a stinging sea nettle during a trip on the Bay. The buoys use data they observe—water temperature and salinity—to estimate the likelihood that sea nettles are present nearby.

In addition, as the nation marks the bicentennial of the War of 1812, CBIBS has partnered with the National Park Service to provide information about events that took place near eight of the buoy sites during the conflict.

In another change, the buoy near the mouth of the Susquehanna River has been upgraded to provide nitrate concentrations in the water.

The CBIBS system was launched in 2007 to provide information to boaters, scientists and the general public, as well as to help mark the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail. Each buoy also provides historical information about Smith's 1607-08 explorations of the Bay.

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The Rock Hall harbor channel dredging project is complete

Rock Hall, Md. — The entrance to Rock Hall Harbor is now straighter and deeper allowing boaters easier and safer access to the area's many restaurants, marinas and marine related services.

"The measures taken will certainly provide for safe passage in and out of our harbor, as navigating the entrance was becoming very treacherous at times," said Rock Hall Mayor Bob Willis. "Our local economy will see a gain from this action and during these uncertain economic times, it surely is needed."

The Kent County Department of Public Works contracted with Dissen & Juhn Corporation based in Stevensville, Maryland, for the dredging. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Boating Services provided technical assistance and funding. Approximately 6,400-cubic yards of silt and clay was removed from the entrance of Rock Hall Harbor and transported in watertight trucks to an existing dredge material placement site approximately seven miles from the town. The project, completed June 5, took a little over a month.

The channel is now a minimum of seven feet deep at low tide and has been realigned to follow a straight, Coast Guard-marked channel. It is expected that the new, straight alignment will better flush the harbor, slowing the deposit of silt and allowing the channel to stay navigable for a longer period of time. The channel was previously angled to the west, causing sand to frequently fill the channel from the northwest side.

"Governor Martin O'Malley and the Maryland General Assembly strongly support waterway improvement projects like this one, that benefit the local community, help to create jobs and improve the quality of life for our citizens," said Lisa Gutierrez, acting director of DNR Boating Services.

Project funding was provided through a State Waterway Improvement Fund grant of \$230,663. Revenue for the fund comes from the one time, five-percent excise tax, paid when a boat is purchased and titled in Maryland. The State Waterway Improvement Program has funded more than 4,500 grant projects valued in excess of \$300 million in the development of over 300 public boating access sites statewide.



Kent County contracts with Dissen & Juhn Corporation to dredge the channel at Rock Hall with funding from DNR.

Qualification shoots scheduled for managed deer hunts

Annapolis, Md. — Maryland's 2012-2013 Shooter Qualification Schedule is now available and includes nearly 40 firearm qualification sessions at 15 locations throughout the State. These events allow hunters to take the shooting proficiency test that is required before they can participate in many of the State's annual managed deer hunts.

"The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has a standardized shooting certification requirement for managed deer hunts conducted by local, state and federal agencies across the State," said DNR's Assistant Deer Project Leader, George Timko. "The system allows a hunter to satisfy the shooting proficiency requirements of these agencies by qualifying one time, at a single location, each

year."

The Delmarva Sportsman's Association on the Eastern Shore is a new venue offering shooter qualifications.

Note that several locations only offer qualifications by appointment.

Many of the organizations that host these events charge a minimal fee to cover expenses. DNR will continue to update the online Maryland Shooter Qualification Sessions Calendar, at dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/shoot_qual_cal.asp, as additional events are scheduled.



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2012 spring population survey of Greater Snow Geese in Southern Quebec

Since 1965, the Canadian Wildlife Service conducts its annual aerial photographic survey on greater snow geese during their spring migration in southern Québec. This year the survey was carried out on April 31 when five aircraft were used simultaneously during a warm and sunny day.

During these favorable weather conditions, the geese tend to roost on water bodies in mid-day, facilitating the coverage. The aerial survey covered a large territory extending from Lac

Champlain (south) to Lac St-Jean (north) and from east Ontario (west) to Baie-des-Chaleurs (east).

For this year, the preliminary estimate of the size of the spring population was 1,005,000 ± 85,000 geese (Figure 1). Based on Service de Consultation Statistique from Université Laval recommendations, a revision process has been undertaken to check last years estimates to verify their accuracy (Table 1).

Prepared by Josée Lefebvre, Arctic goose biologist, CWS

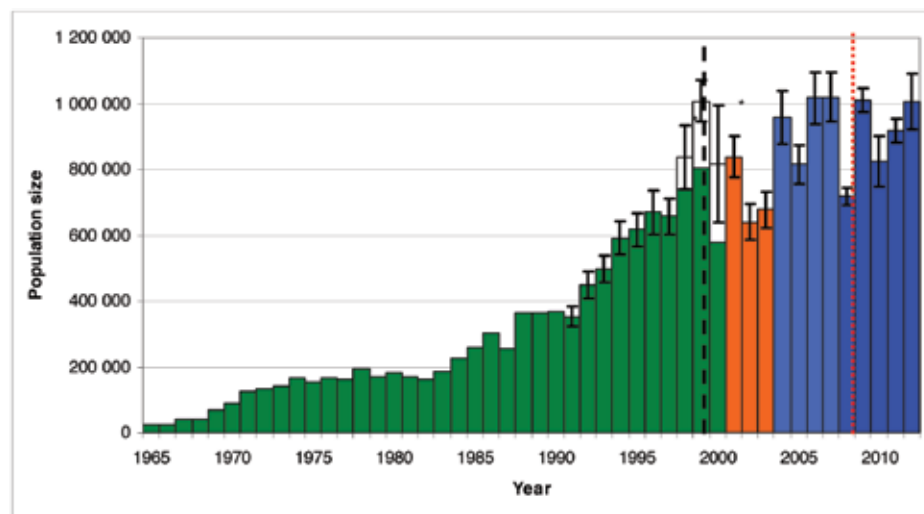


Figure 1. Estimated population size of the Greater Snow Goose according to the Canadian Wildlife Service spring survey from 1965 to 2012.

Changes in the above bar color indicate modifications in the methodology used (dark blue: estimation base on revised sampling methodology). From 1998 to 2000, the lighter part indicates a correction made following a radio telemetry study. The black dotted line indicates the beginning of the application of special conservation measures. The red dotted line indicates the beginning of the special conservation measures in United States.

Open blog from Captain Monty Hawkins

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Governor O'Malley, Secretary Griffin,

Men, I was far offshore two weeks ago dropping down the steep clay face of a canyon wall catching golden tilefish in 750 feet of water when a blue marlin swam by -- Positively Majestic.

Yesterday I was catching blue line tiles overtop a reef in 50 fathoms when several white marlin appeared.

Used to be those billfish

were an awful lot closer to shore..

A skipper I spoke with had sailed from OC the year after the inlet was cut, was fishing in 1934 as the jetties were being built. He'd put out his marlin baits 4 miles off the beach then troll from Great Gull Shoal toward Fenwick Shoal - Catching Billfish Within Sight Of The Beach.

Another skipper won the Marlin Club tournament with fish caught 8 miles off the beach in 1958. Yes, he often fished the Jackspot too - that's about 20 miles out.

In 1969 a friend put 2 marlin on the dock: One was still alive. They were caught 5 miles out.

Another skipper, then a mate, remembers marlin, "Stacked up like a school of menhaden" about 25 miles out..

Skippers today rarely put baits in the water until they're 60 miles out at canyon's edge.

I've asked many old-timers, 'Why are marlin further & further out?'

Each and every single one replied, "There's No Blue Water, The Water's Gone."

A retired airplane pilot -flew a run to Orlando for 30 years- said he watched blue water turn green during his career.

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Cheers Men,
Monty Hawkins

Posted by Monty at Monday, July 09, 2012

Table 1: Greater Snow Goose population and productivity estimates from southern Québec, 1965-2012.

Year	Estimated sp. pop ¹	Percent young in fall flight ²		Brood size ³ in fall	
		Mean	no. geese	mean	no. broods
1965	25,400				
1966	25,400				
1967	40,900				
1968	38,900				
1969	68,800				
1970	89,600				
1971	123,300				
1972	134,800				
1973	143,000	40.6	800	2.94	49
1974	165,000	6.4	7,282	2.19	119
1975	153,800	31.2	17,579	2.71	1,294
1976	165,600	12.6	20,847	2.46	419
1977	160,000	23.9	10,297	2.28	396
1978	192,600	17.9	9,679	2.34	309
1979	170,100	28.2	20,849	2.65	1,226
1980	180,000	35.3	12,120	2.76	651
1981	170,800	16.3	10,683	2.30	229
1982	163,000	25.1	9,577	2.48	661
1983	185,000	47.4	12,353	2.86	1,246
1984	225,400	30.4	39,781	2.63	2,434
1985	260,000	25.8	33,700	2.49	1,682
1986	303,500	2.3	22,998	1.89	74
1987	255,000	40.2	33,278	2.77	1,882
1988	363,800 ⁴	33.1	40,246	2.76	2,444
1989	363,200	31.1	29,191	2.59	2,014
1990	368,300	23.6	20,313	2.54	830
1991	352,600	38.3	15,102	2.69	1,247
1992	448,100	5.4	32,252	2.06	404
1993	498,400	47.8	24,163	2.75	2,743
1994	591,400	9.2	16,444	2.44	242
1995	616,600	16.6	19,519	2.47	665
1996	669,100	25.1	22,595	2.34	1,247
1997	657,500	36.8	17,586	2.69	1,222
1998	836,000 ⁵	33.1	17,982	2.52	1,440
1999	1,008,000 ⁵	2.1	20,394	2.09	91
2000	816,500 ⁵	22.7	20,468	2.54	1,302
2001	837,400	27.5	22,106	2.36	1,072
2002	639,300	6.0	18,930	1.91	274
2003	678,000	27.0	15,900	2.36	1,092
2004	957,600	17.8	26,206	2.44	1,031
2005	814,600	20.7	29,022	2.38	1,470
2006	1,016,900	19.7	23,378	2.34	1,143
2007	1,019,000	20.6	25,463	2.28	1,371
2008	718,000 ⁶	40.0	32,020	2.62	3,187
2009	1,009,000 ⁶	10.6	28,969	2.08	753
2010	824,000 ⁶	19.6	27,030	2.25	1,533
2011	917,000 ⁶	28.0	31,719	2.42	2,291
2012	1,005,000 ⁶	-	-	-	-



¹ from aerial photo counts

² from visual ground counts

³ broods accompanied by 2 parents

⁴ no spring survey conducted - the value provided was derived from population model published in Gauvin & Reed (CWS Occas. Pap. No. 64, 1987)

⁵ the estimates in brackets for 1998 and 2000 have been corrected to account for flocks not observed during the survey, using data from a telemetry study. The 1999 value is the mean of the correction factors used in 1998 and 2000.

⁶ estimates calculated with the revised sampling methodology.

2012 trends report indicates high Duck breeding population numbers

Although breeding habitat conditions have declined from previous years, the 2012 "Trends in Duck Breeding Populations" report estimates waterfowl production in North America's duck factory is at a record high. This year's report estimate of 48.6 million is significantly higher than the 45.6 million birds estimated last year and 43 percent above the long-term average.

This annual report summarizes information about the status of duck populations and wetland habitats collected by wildlife biologists from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife and Canadian Wildlife Service for the Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey (Survey). The Survey samples more than two million square miles of waterfowl habitat across the United States and Canada.

Highlights from the Survey in the north-central United States, south-central and northern Canada, and Alaska (the traditional survey area) include the following population estimates:

Mallard abundance is 10.6 million – a 15 percent increase over 2011 and a 39 percent increase over the long-term average of 7.6 million.

Gadwall abundance is 10 percent above the 2011 estimate, and 96 percent above the long-term average.

American wigeon abundance increased 3 percent from 2011, but remains 17 percent below the long-term average.

Abundance of green-winged teal and blue-winged teal were 3.5 million and 9.2 million, which were 20 percent and 3 percent above their 2011 numbers. Both species continue to remain well above their long-term averages by 74 percent and 94 percent, respectively.

Abundance for northern shovelers is 5.0 million, which is 8 percent above 2011, and 111 percent above their long-term average.

Northern pintails are at 3.5 million which is 22 percent below the 2011 estimate and 14 percent below the long-term average.

Redhead abundance was unchanged from last year but 89 percent above the long-term average.

Canvasback abundance was 0.8 million, which was 10 percent above last year's estimate and 33 percent above their long-term average.

The combined lesser and greater scaup abundance estimate was 5.2 million, which was 21 percent above the 2011 estimate and 4 percent above the long-term average.

In the eastern survey area (northeastern United States and eastern Canada), the estimated abundance for American black duck, green-winged teal, and merganser populations showed an increase from 2011 estimates in this area. The survey showed declines in abundance for mallards, goldeneyes, and ring-necked ducks.

Habitat conditions observed across the survey areas during the 2012 Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey were characterized by average to below-average moisture, especially in the southern portions; due primarily to a mild winter and an early spring.

The 2012 Survey's estimate of ponds for the north-central U.S. was 1.7 million, which was 49 percent below the 2011 estimate of 3.2 million, and similar to the long-term average. Significant decreases in wetland numbers and conditions occurred in the U.S. Prairies during 2012. Nearly all of the north-central U.S. habitat was rated as good to excellent in 2011; however, only the habitat in the coteau region of North and South Dakota was rated as good in 2012, and no areas were rated as excellent habitat this year. Drastic wetland declines in western South Dakota and Montana resulted in mostly poor to fair habitat conditions.

The entire "Trends in Duck Breeding Populations, 1955-2012" report can be downloaded from the Service's Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds>.



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DOVER – The 2012-2013 Delaware Hunting & Trapping Guide is hot off the press and available now at hunting license dealers statewide as well as online, the DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife announced today. This latest edition continues last season's glossy new look, with additional features including articles about Delaware wildlife.

"We tried out the new full-color format last year with our special edition for the 100th anniversary of fish and wildlife conservation in Delaware, and it was very popular," said Wildlife Section Administrator Greg Moore. "We plan to continue using the magazine style and to include hunting and wildlife-related articles that we think the public will enjoy."



Something new for this year is the cover, which features a Delaware outdoorsman rather than a wildlife species for the first time. As part of last year's anniversary celebration, the Division sponsored hunting and fishing photo contests, with first-place photos in each category to be featured on the covers of the Division's hunting and fishing guides. The winning hunting photo was snapped by Tom Burke of Greenwood and shows his 5-year-old son, Tom Burke Jr., ready to enjoy a great day of waterfowl hunting.

Inside the glossy 44-page guide, hunters and trappers will find all the information they need at their fingertips – hunter education, licensing, hunting and trapping seasons, limits, regulations, wildlife area information and more, with sections devoted to deer, small game, turkey and migratory birds – all presented in easy-to-read type and graphics.

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Coastal Report

By Capt. Mark Sampson

We pulled up on the edge of the shoal and dropped anchor. Unfortunately I had miscalculated the current and before I knew it the anchor line slipped under the hull and got hung on the rudder. It was only midmorning but already it was in the mid 80's and expected to get even hotter. Looking for a way to cool-off, my mate said he'd be happy to go under the boat and clear the line. I gave him the "OK" and in a flash he was over the side and in just a few second I could see the line coming out from under the boat. He had accomplished his mission but when he came out from under the boat he was like a penguin launching up onto an ice flow. He came out of the water so fast that his shorts were half way down to his knees and I swear it was like he just suddenly materialized on deck!

Wide-eyed and visibly shaken all he could say was "sharks everywhere!" Which had us all looking over the side wondering "where?" Then someone shouted "look there!" And we all looked over to see a group of about ten 4-foot long brown fish swimming just a few yards off the starboard side. I took one look at the fish, then turned to my mate and barked, "Those aren't sharks they're cobia, so snap out of it and get some

baits in the water – quick!"

We just happened to have a well full of live bunker and spot which were promptly fired out at the fish that were just milling about beside the boat. Normally cobia are reluctant to take any bait or offering you put in front of them, but that morning they were hungry and ate without hesitation. Over the next 15-minutes we managed to land six of the 20-35 pound bruisers. It's just as well that incident occurred before video cameras became so commonplace and YouTube gave us a way to broadcast to the world because if anyone else had a chance to see the sheer mayhem that took place on deck during that 15-minutes, or the way the cockpit of my boat was transformed into something that looked like bloodiest horror movie you could ever imagine, I'd be hard pressed to find anyone willing to step aboard my boat for a fishing trip ever again!

That little episode occurred about 20-years ago up on Fenwick Shoal but it remains the most cobia we've ever caught on a single trip. Cobia just don't come that easy, they usually just make an appearance and stay only long enough for those aboard to figure out that they "aren't sharks" and then just fade away! However, if the crew is up on their cobia tactics and have baits, lures and rigs all made-up,



on the rods, and ready for action, they "might" have a chance at hooking and landing one of these frustratingly finicky fish.

I guess that since we've had our share of (limited) success with cobia off Ocean City I'm often asked by other local fishermen what they need to do to catch one for themselves. I've even had clients try to book my boat to go "cobia fishing." However, as much as I'd like to say that I know secret tactics that have allowed us to hook and land so many cobia over the years, the bottom-line is that around here these fish just don't show consistently enough that you can really go out and target them with any measure of success such as can be done in more southern latitudes. The key to getting cobia off Ocean City is to fish the nearshore waters inside of the 20-fathom line a lot, and always be prepared to quickly put a decent bait or lure in front of a cobia when one or more decides to pay you a visit.

Since we're sharking the nearshore waters almost every fishable day from July 1st until the end of September we're lucky to have the "fish a lot" part of the equation covered. But even those who can only fish once or twice a month and choose to wreck or flounder fish could be at the right place at the right time and get a shot, so it always pays to be ready. Sometimes cobia will arrive at a boat and stay for hours, but often they appear and are gone in less than a minute so anglers need to act quickly or the opportunity will be lost. So "being ready" means having something rigged that can be tossed to the face of a cobia literally within 30-seconds of first seeing it. So that pretty much means having a dedicated rod (or rods) always set up for cobia that "probably" will not show up anyway. Then you just go ahead and do whatever other kind of fishing you planed on doing and if old Mr. Coby shows up you drop what you're doing and have at him!

So what should you have on your line? Good question because they'll eat just about everything but of-

ten won't eat anything. Around the planet cobia have been caught on crabs, shrimp, cut bait live bait, and every kind of artificial lure you can imagine. I can only tell you that off Delmarva we've caught them on live spot, eels, bunker, and herring, also on cut bluefish, mackerel, and tuna, we've also hooked them on surface poppers, bucktails, Storm Lures, and once I was lucky enough to catch one on a Clouser fly. July-September we keep two 20-pound test spinning rods rigged for cobia at all times. One has a circle hook with #30 fluorocarbon leader for live bait and the other has some sort of jig such as a bucktail or Storm Lure on it. A third spinner is kept ready but only has a snap swivel on the line so we can quickly put whatever we want on it as needed.

One thing to keep in mind is that when cobia show up anglers are usually trying to hook them right under or beside the boat with less than 20-feet of line off the rod tip. That's why one of our rods is always rigged with a jig rather than some other sort of lure that needs to be cast and retrieved to properly work. If a cobia moves away from the boat we can always cast the jig out to them but you can't jig a crank type lure.

The final thing anglers need if they want to catch cobia is "persistence." Every summer we see FAR more cobia than we ever hook, but we keep our tackle ready just the same and never give up trying to get them to bite even when it seems like all they are doing teasing us. We've had fish swim around the boat for hours that just wouldn't touch anything we put in front of them and then all of a sudden slurp down an offering that was refused when they first showed up. You've got to keep working them and working them if you're ever going to catch them! And if everything about cobia wasn't humbling enough, the killer is that every season some kid fishing for spot off a dock or a guy on the beach trying for kingfish will show up in the paper after catching a beautiful cobia totally by accident. Challenging, humbling, frustrating, you've got to love those cobia!

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Mid-Bay Report

bumps but when a good perch gets on it, they usually nail it solidly. Using their wide body, the fight is noticeably more vigorous than those caught in deeper water with bottom rigs.

Purists stick with artificials only. Meat fishermen like myself use a tiny piece of streamlined "Fish Bites" or "Gulp" on the spinner hook. If you're really hungry, buy a smallish peeler and use the single

There are plenty of Chesapeake fin fish that qualify as game fish but we seldom include white

By Chuck Prahl

perch among them. They are however, when targeted with light gear, a ton of fun.

August finds most of the stripers in the main Bay and live-liners are having a fair year. But in the estuaries like the Big Choptank, croakers are somewhat scarce and most anglers are fishing for perch.

It's tough to make white perch behave like a croaker on ordinary bottom fishing gear. They simply do not have the heft to pull your string tight enough for a thrill and it seems they pull much harder horizontally than vertically.

To appreciate the perch's best fighting abilities, you've got to use light gear and more importantly, fish him in shallow water. Shoreline has been where the big perch have been all summer.

The other requirement for the most enjoyment is the use of artificials. A properly retrieved spinner has a tough trip back to the boat in prime white perch cover. Small fish will worry a spinner with little



knuckles like a twister. The scent drives them nuts.

On a good day, you'll start out by keeping fish too small and later you may wish you'd thrown them back. If you don't have a live well, they should go right on ice. Sometimes the same length 9 or 10-inch fish vary widely in girth. Their shoulders are very meaty on a robust perch.

Of course small boats fish shorelines better than big boats and electric motors do better than gas motors, but white perch are very forgiving. Twenty-three footers might be an upper limit, but an angler with good shoreline knowledge can do it with a twenty-five footer. Some anglers will move down a really promising

shoreline in a controlled drift. Others may anchor on spots that seem particularly productive.

Piers, rip-rapped shore, duck blinds, rock piles, almost any shallow structure will hold perch. Do not share those special places with anybody except those sworn to secrecy. White perch are so cooperative that good spots can be easily fished out but need only short rest periods to replenish with bigger fish.

So what kind of special gear do you need for targeting white perch? Ultra light immediately comes to mind, consisting of short, light rods and tiny reels loaded with 4 lb. mono. They work fine, but a long 6 1/2 foot light rod will cast the small spinners much better while sticking with the 4 or 6-lb. line. I use a particularly whippy 7-foot bait caster loaded with braided line terminating with a 12-lb. fluorocarbon leader. I do pinch on one or two split shot for some added weight.

There is a whole line of gear that is dedicated to crappie fishing that in many cases doubles nicely for white perch. Special rods up to 10-ft. long used to handle floats and small baits may have some applications but a complete line of spinners and soft baits can easily apply to perch fishing.

By the end of August, there will be some movement of stripers back into the estuaries of the Middle Bay. A fair population of menhaden have been evident in the Big and Little Choptank and I presume in other places like the Honga and Eastern Bay. They (menhaden) are the prime

fall forage for rockfish. If things are what they seem, maybe we'll see some birds, the kind that work over menhaden, this fall.

It's been over three years since I've seen what I call "normal" bird activity in the Big Choptank. I've got a repertoire of gull behavior that



signals fish feeding or not feeding. Certain bird antics tell me what size fish, approximately how many, and how I should fish for them. They also tell us what they're eating.

The really important thing that birds do for us is show us where fish are and that they are or are not actually feeding. In normal fall years, even a stranger to the Chesapeake could find and catch fish by simply observing gull activity.

August should bring another influx of spotted sea trout into the Big Choptank. Last year we experienced the best speck fishing in the Big Choptank in my memory.

While casting for stripers in the shallows you could count on a good size speck or two on nearly every trip. Bottom fishermen using peelers in the right places could do even

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better.

There might be lures that could increase the catch ratio between stripers and trout like Mirro Lure Plugs or even gold spoons, but stripers being more aggressive, I would guess they would take them just as well.

One strategy that I've never seen tried but could have a lot of promise is the popping cork with a piece of peeler dangling about 2 feet below the bobber. It is often used in the south for both red fish and trout, only differing in that there it is most often used with shrimp as an offering.

I've thought I'd like to try it down on the Honga where it would be ideal to fish the grass beds which hold lots of trout and are difficult to fish with bottom-type rigs or lures. It would take a spinning outfit to properly cast it because cork rigs are very hard to cast with bait casters.

You may recall that I was praising the collapsible crab traps and how I was forsaking the trot line in their favor. I was wrong. They were too hard for me to overhaul and there simply was not enough excitement or reward to keep me interested.

I guess I'll be buying crabs from now on. That's hard for someone who's caught his own for most of his life.

As Md. bear numbers rise, so does hunt quota

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — The Department of Natural Resources says Maryland's black bear population has more than doubled since 2005 and it's adjusting the hunting rules accordingly.

Wildlife biologist Harry Spiker said Friday that a population study done last year indicates at least 782 bears live in Garrett and Allegany counties, the only counties in which bear hunting is allowed. That's up from 362 in a 2005 population study.

Spiker says at least 100 more bears live in Washington and Frederick counties.

He says hunters will be allowed to kill 80 to 110 bears this October. Last year, they killed 65 before the DNR closed the season.

Spiker says the number of permits awarded by lottery will increase to 340 from 260. Up to three hunters can hunt on one permit.



Ronnie Hall of Hall's Taxidermy shown here with his magnificent Elk taken with a bow.

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Book of the Month

EELS: AN EXPLORATION, FROM NEW ZEALAND TO THE SARGASSO, OF THE WORLD'S MOST MYSTERIOUS FISH

Ask your average North American: eels, those slimy snakelike creatures, are generally held in poor regard. For nature writer Prosek (Trout; Fly-Fishing the 41st), however, they are a compelling mystery, and in his riveting synthesis of cultural, geographical, and botanical sleuthing, he investigates their reputation at home and abroad. The author--for whom the eel was once merely bait for bass--delves into the closely held traditions of the Maori of New Zealand, where eels are revered; into the beliefs of the Micronesian island of Pohnpei, where eels are considered members of a tribal clan; into the heart of the largest seafood market in the world, in Japan, a nation that consumes more than 130,000 tons of eels each year; into the reclusive world of Eel Weir Hollow in the Catskills, where fisherman Ray traps and smokes as much as one ton of eels a season; and to the fabled Sargasso Sea, where eels are thought to start their trek to the world's lakes, rivers, and streams--though, even now, no one knows precisely where the world's population of eels spawns, an enduring scientific mystery awaiting a solution.

James Prosek offers a fascinating tour through the life history and cultural associations of the freshwater eel, exploring its biology, its myth and lore, its mystery and beauty. Eels is a mesmerizing biography of an intriguing and mysterious creature, as well as a telling look at humanity, the will to persist, and the ever-changing relationship between man and the natural world.

Fried Eel

Ingredients

1 (1-pound) eel

1 cup all-purpose flour, plus more for dredging

1 teaspoon seafood seasoning (recommended:

Old Bay)

1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning

3 teaspoons salt

1 cup blended oil

1 teaspoon chopped garlic

1 teaspoon chopped onion

1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1/2 cup white wine (recommended: Chablis)

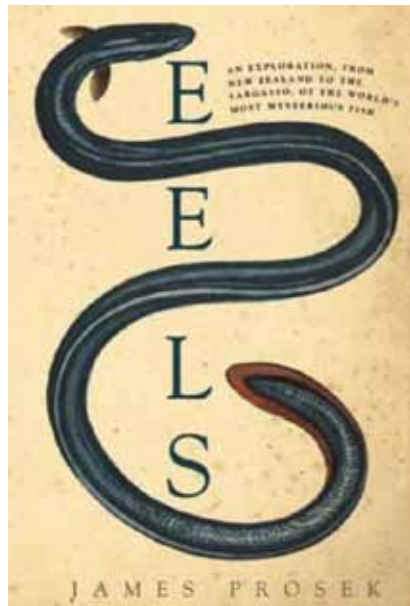
2 teaspoons butter

Directions

Clean and skin the eel, and then cut it into chunks. In a large bowl, mix together 1 cup flour, seasonings, oil, garlic, onion, and pepper. Add the eel to this mixture and then marinate in the refrigerator for 1 hour.

Dredge the marinated eel in flour. In a saute pan over medium heat, sear the eel until golden brown, about 7 minutes. Add the white wine and cook until reduced by half. Add the butter and cook until it melts and browns slightly. Divide the eel among 4 serving plates and top with the butter sauce.

Recipe courtesy Bahrs Restaurant



Jim Martin with a very nice spring Turkey - 17 1/4 lbs. 8 1/2 " beard from DorcheMter Co. Photo courtesy of Clyde's Sport Shop

Maine moose population estimated at 75,000

Portland, Maine (AP) - A new aerial survey pegs Maine's moose population at about 75,000, more than double the number of the last survey more than a decade ago.

Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife biologist Lee Kantar conducted an aerial survey in a low-flying helicopter for the second straight year this past winter.

Based on his findings, Kantar tells the Portland Press Herald that the state's moose population is now estimated at 75,000. The last population estimate was done more than 10 years ago, when the department estimated the population at 29,000.

Maine's annual moose hunting lottery was being held last month. This year, 3,725 permits were awarded.

Maine has the largest moose population by far of any state in the continental United States.



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Virginia pending record Wahoo 122.1 pounds

by Bill Hall, VSWFT Committee Representative

Wachapreague VA – On June 23, 2012, Susan Nelson, of Whiteford, MD boated a 122 pound, 1 ounce wahoo while fishing with Capt. Keith Neal aboard the Wachapreague-based charter vessel, Teaser. The huge fish measured 80.25 inches in length with a whopping 33" girth. The Teaser was a participant in the MSSA tournament and hooked the large fish while trolling for tuna off the Lumpy Bottom on a Joe Shute Lure and ballyhoo combination. Nelson landed the fish using a custom rod with a Shimano Tiagra reel loaded with 80# Mamoi Hi-Catch Diamond line, The lure/ballyhoo combination was rigged on a 130 mono leader with a Mustad hook. The fish was positively identified by VSFT State Record Committee member Bill Hall, in accordance with VSFT State Record procedures. Hall also completed the State Record Application.

According To Capt. Neal, the wahoo hit the bait as it was fished from the longrigger and made a blistering run. The fish came up to the

surface four times but did not jump causing the crew to think that it was foul hooked a blue marlin. The fifth time that the fish surfaced during the 45-minute fight, the crew saw the telltale stripes and initially thought striped marlin but knew that they were not native to the Atlantic Ocean, then they realized that it was monster wahoo hooked on a monofilament leader.

"We knew we had one shot at gaffing it with the mono leader," Capt. Neal commented. "The fish came along side and the mate hit it with the gaff, but the gaff's rubber handle pulled off. We put a second gaff in it and pulled it on board. I knew it was big and first estimated it around 90-pounds. When I pulled out the tape measurer and it stretched the tape to 80-inches, I knew we had a much bigger fish and called my wife as soon as we got close enough to shore to get a cell signal. When she looked up the existing state record, I knew we had a shot at beating it."

The fish was weighed in on scales certified in April of 2012 at the Wachapreague Marina.



Susan Nelson of Whiteford, MD. poses with the huge 122.1 lb Wahoo.

DIAMOND JIM TAGGING

from Hayden Cook, MD. DNR Fisheries Intern

On June 28th I went out with a team of Anglers and DNR biologist on a charter boat to tag striped bass for the Diamond Jim component of the Maryland Fishing Challenge, DNR's annual fishing contest. This fishing contest is being used as a marketing tool to help bring people into the sport of fishing. Striped bass are caught, then tagged and released each month during the summer. After all the striped bass are released, one tag is randomly selected to be the Diamond Jim - worth \$20,000 dollars to whomever catches it between July 1st and Midnight July 31st. The rest of the tagged fish are worth up to \$500 dollars each if caught before September 3rd. What's great about this tournament is it goes on all summer and anyone, young or old can be a part of it.

To start my day off I had to meet Biologist Eric Durell at 5 am to arrive at the fishing port around 6 am, also Sarah Burton and Rachel Bowers, two other DNR interns met us at the port. Our Charterboat Captain Dale chose to fish live line, instead of trolling. He said that where we were fishing his wife and him caught 100 stripers live lining the day before. Live lining is a much more fun and a hands on way of fishing for striped bass. To do this you cast your line out with a live spot on the hook, then when you feel a bite you have to wait and place the hook in the fish's mouth by using a jigging action with your fishing pole. When you troll, all you do is set out a bunch of lines and wait until you see a fish take the bait, which can get boring after a while.

First we had to catch spot to use as our live bait. Catching spot was easy, all you need are blood worms, then you let the line hit the bottom and wait for a bite. The spot ranged from around three to five inches in size. The only problem with catching these spot, were the croakers. I felt like the croakers outnumbered the spot 2:1, but fisherman aren't allowed to use croakers for bait. It was taking too long to catch spot, so our Captain Dale called his buddy up who gave us fifty or so spot.

Once all the spot were caught and put in our live box, Captain Dale drove us a half hour to forty five minutes out to one of his secret spots. I can't tell you where it is, but the fishing was incredible.

To bait the hook with spot, the hook is inserted through the back of the fish by his top or dorsal fin. This



Hayden with a nice Striper.

didn't kill the spot and allowed it to act naturally in the water. The more the spot moved the better the striped bass were attracted to it, so I usually looked for the smaller two or three inch ones which were very lively. If the spot died on the hook, usually no striper would take it.

On my first cast, I caught a fish almost instantly. Captain Dale chose a great spot, everyone on the boat was catching fish left and right for a good couple hours. We were able to keep the fish that got hooked too deep. One person with us caught a nice bluefish. Overall around sixty fish were caught and out of those thirty six were tagged and released, the rest were either too small or we kept them for dinner.

Captain Dale also took us to one of his other secret spots to fish for yellow perch, a shiny yellow fish which usually only gets up to about ten inches.

Even though perch are small, they tasted delicious when I went home and grilled some fillets.

In my opinion this was the best field day I have had while being an intern for the DNR for the past three weeks. I learned a lot about Diamond Jim and the Maryland Fishing Challenge, and advise all anglers to go out and try to catch as many striped bass as possible, not just for the money but for the experience. They provide a good little fight, and keep you occupied for a great day on the Chesapeake Bay, plus they taste delicious. Remember this month the Diamond Jim is worth \$20,000 dollars and if not caught - next month it will be worth \$25,000 dollars so don't stop fishing for those striped bass.

John Travers takes 1st. Place in MSSA Tuna-Ment - Ramsey takes home \$14,039



Overall Tournament –
Single Heaviest Tuna
1st Place
 \$5,000 John Travers 228.9 lbs Big Eye CHINC
2nd Place
 \$2,200 Steve Ramsey 207.9 lbs Big Eye OC
3rd Place
 \$1,000 Jim Parrotte 51.2 lbs YFT CHINC



John Travers won the overall Tuna-Ment (above) and Steve Ramsey (left) took home the most money.

\$50 TWT – 2 Heaviest Tuna
1st Place
 \$708 Steve Ramsey 403.9 lbs 2 - Big Eye 207.9+196 OC
2nd Place
 \$303 John Travers 279.1 lbs 1-BigEye, 1-YFT 228.9+50.2 CHINC



\$100 TWT – 2 Heaviest Tuna
1st Place
 \$1,416 Steve Ramsey 403.9 lbs 2 - Big Eye 207.9+196 OC
2nd Place
 \$607 John Travers 279.1 lbs 1-Big-Eye, 1-YFT 228.9+50.2 OC



Sue "Bait Girl" Brown has her limit once again aboard the Canvasback with Captain Bob Ritchie at the helm. Fish Fear Us charters operates out of Rock Hall, MD.

\$200 TWT – 3 Heaviest Tuna
1st Place
 \$1,848 Steve Ramsey 580 lbs 3 - Big Eye 207.9+196+176.1 OC
2nd Place
 \$792 Harry Miller 138.7 lbs 3 - YFT 50.8+48.2+39.7 OC

\$300 TWT – 6 Heaviest Tuna
1st Place
 \$2,587 Steve Ramsey 580 lbs 3 - Big Eye 207.9+196+176.1 OC
2nd Place
 \$1,108 Pete Abbott 220.3 lbs 6-YFT – 40+39+ 38+35.5+34.7+33.1 OC

\$500 TWT – Single Heaviest Tuna
 Steve Ramsey 207.9 lbs Big Eye OC \$5,280

\$100 – Dolphin (3 Heaviest)
 Rob Pellicot 11.5+10.9+8.8 = 31.2 lbs CHINC \$1,584

\$100 – Bluefish (3 Heaviest)
 No Bluefish Weighed In Lottery Pick Monday \$260

Sue "Bait Girl" Brown seems a little confused on the Canvasback out of Rock Hall, MD. Sue is the second mate for Captain Bob Ritchie.

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Each State blind site license is attached to a designated spot in Maryland waters where hunters may anchor their boats to harvest waterfowl. Interested hunters may apply for their sites on:

August 7 from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. at all locations listed below. Individuals arriving after 8 a.m. will not be eligible for the lottery drawing and will have to wait all applicants have selected a site. The drawing will start at approximately 8:30 a.m. Once selected, applicants have eight minutes to select their blind sites; no more than two sites per applicant may be selected per day. Licensing will end at 4:30 p.m. and resume the following day.

August 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. licensing will be held at all DNR Service Centers and offices as listed.

August 9 and thereafter, the centers will operate on normal business hours.

Citizens must present a 2011-2012 or 2012-2013 Maryland resident hunting license in order to participate in the lottery drawing and licensing process (except for landowners or people with the written permission of a landowner who desire to license their own property). Applicants must also present their Maryland driver's license or other photo ID to verify identification and residency. The 2012-2013 Maryland hunting license is now available at any DNR sport license agent, online at dnr.state.md.us/wildlife, or by phone at 1-800-918-2870.

Landowners who would like to license their own property should bring a copy of the property information (available online at http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/rp_rewrite) and a tax map or other legible map showing the exact location of the shoreline to be licensed. Preview maps of shoreline licensed by riparian landowners were available on July 15 at the locations listed below. The maps will also be available on DNR's website at dnr.state.md.us/wildlife

County Locations for Blind Site Licensing and Preview Maps

Anne Arundel County Licensing location: Broadneck High School Cafeteria, 1265 Green Holly Drive, Arnold. Preview maps available at Tawes State Office Building, E-1, 580 Taylor Ave., Annapolis.

Prince George's County Licensing location: County Administration Bldg. (Main Lobby, 1st Floor), 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Dr., Upper Marlboro. Preview maps available at County Administration Building, Room L-15.

On August 8, and thereafter, licenses for Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties will be issued at the Wildlife and Heritage Service office, Tawes State Office Bldg.,

E-1, Annapolis.

Calvert County Licensing location: DNR Regional Service Center, 6904 Hallowing Lane, Prince Frederick. Preview maps available at same location.

Charles County Licensing location: Myrtle Grove WMA Office, 5625 Myrtle Grove Road, LaPlata. Preview maps available at same location, call ahead to confirm office is staffed 301-743-5161.

St. Mary's County Licensing location: Joseph D. Carter Bldg., Russell Conference Room, 2nd Floor, 23110 Leonard Hall Dr., Leonardtown. Preview maps available at St. Mary's County Memorial Library, 23250 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown.

On August 8, and thereafter, licenses for Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties will be issued at the DNR Southern Regional Service Center, 6904 Hallowing Lane, Prince Frederick.

Baltimore County Licensing Location: Sparrows Point High School, 7400 North Point Road, Baltimore. Preview maps available at the Natural Resources Police Facility, 3738 Gwynnbrook Avenue, Owings Mills.

Cecil County Licensing Location: Elkton High School, Auxiliary Gymnasium, 110 James Street, Elkton. Preview maps available at the Cecil County Library, 301 Newark Ave., Elkton.

Harford County Licensing location: Fallston Volunteer Fire Department, meeting room, 2201 Carrs Mill Road, Fallston (next to the Fallston High School). Preview maps available at the DNR Licensing and Registration Services, Bel Air Regional Service Center, 2 South Bond Street, Bel Air.

On August 8, and thereafter, licenses for Baltimore, Cecil & Harford counties will be issued at the Bel Air Regional Service Center, 2 S. Bond St., Bel Air.

Caroline County Licensing location: Caroline County Public Library, 100 Market Street, Denton. Preview maps available at same location.

Talbot County Licensing location: Easton Volunteer Fire Department, 315 Aurora Park Drive, Easton. Preview maps available at the Easton Branch of Talbot County Library (across from courthouse), Easton.

On August 8, and thereafter, licenses for Caroline, Talbot, Kent and Queen Anne's Counties will be issued at the Centreville Regional Service Center, 120 Broadway Ave., Room 207, Centreville.

Dorchester County Licensing location: LeCompte Wildlife Management Area, 4220 Steele Neck Road, Vienna. Preview maps available at same location, call ahead to confirm office is staffed 410-376-3236.

Somerset County Licensing location: Wellington Wildlife Management Area, 32733 Dublin Road, Princess Anne. Preview maps available at same location, call ahead to confirm office is staffed 410-543-8223.

Wicomico County Licensing location: Salisbury Regional Wildlife Office, 201 Baptist St., #22, Salisbury. Preview maps available at same location.

Worcester County Licensing location: Snow Hill Fire Dept., 4718 Snow Hill Road, Snow Hill. Preview maps available at Shad Landing State Park Camp Store – Off Rt. 113.

On August 8, and thereafter, licenses for Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico & Worcester Counties will be issued at the Salisbury Regional Service Center, 201 Baptist St., Suite 22, Salisbury.

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Mike Taylor from Milford NJ with a huge ray he caught the last week of June from the beach on 79th street. It was almost 6 foot long. Photo Courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.



“THE LAST WORD”

Professional Hunter

By Steve Huettner

During the past month I have unfortunately read stories of Professional Hunters (PH's) being killed or injured while performing their job. Two experienced PH's met their demise by African Cape Buffalo (aka Black Death) that had been wounded by their clients and was following them up to finish the job. Another PH had the misfortune of a client dropping his rifle (a .500 Nitro Express) which promptly discharged and struck the PH below the elbow and severing it.

I preface this story with these anecdotes not for doom and gloom, but more to make a point regarding the “Professional Hunters” that grace the outdoor shows on your favorite channel.

When most people think of a professional hunter they think of an individual, usually in Africa, taking a paid client on a safari for large and dangerous beasts. Professional hunters are not confined to Africa but are found in places like Alaska, Canada and other locations throughout the world. Defined more succinctly, a PH is someone who gets paid to put their ass on the line for a paying hunting client, keep them out of harm's way and ensure they have a successful trip. I often think of the definition of a PH written by author Peter Hathaway Capstick:

“WANTED: Young active man interested in low and infrequent pay to play bwana in remote bush veldt. Must be proven raconteur and socialite without liver trouble, expert card player, bartender, caterer, barbecuer, philosopher, African histo-

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The duties of a Professional Hunter on safari are essentially the same as those of a ship's captain and with the same responsibilities. He's everything from the social director to the ship's surgeon, if needed. He's the author of the strategy of the hunting plan, but also the tactician as to make each stalk. He keeps the peace among the staff, oversees the food and drink, translates and interprets, sees that the trophies are properly handled and is shooting coach, gunsmith, standup comedian and diplomat any time he is called on to be so. A Professional Hunter is perhaps best summed up in the observation that he is the social equal of anybody while on safari, up to and including a duke.”

Fast forward to the “professional hunters” who ply their wares on the TV shows and have given themselves the title PH. Perhaps I am missing something and need to be better informed. Does any of the



TV PH's take any hunting courses, belong to a professional hunters association, or serve an apprenticeship to obtain a license? Do complete strangers seek them out to take them afield in search of quarry regardless of skill level, knowledge of firearms, or physical ability? Are they responsible for run-

ning a business in far and remote places and dealing with staff, logistics, government officials, and a myriad of other issues while trying to ensure a client has a safe and enjoyable adventure? I think the answer to any of those questions is a resounding NO.

I have nothing against the hosts of XYZ outdoor show. It can't be easy to have to film a hunt; ensure you are in an area that has game, hope that wild animals (most cases) and the weather cooperate, kill a mature animal during filming hours, and market yourself to television stations and sponsors to ensure you have a paycheck. With that said, that does not make you a professional hunter.

You are a TV personality, outdoor personality, TV hunter, or a lucky person who gets to hunt on TV for thousands of people to watch. Owing some video cameras and filming a hunt does not make you a PH. When you stop looking like a NASCAR driver with your endorsement covered jacket, invest time in getting a license from a credible hunters organization, and risk life and limb for a complete stranger, you have not earned the title of PH. The title of PH is something that is earned, not self bestowed, and anything less is a disservice to those who risk their lives on a daily business or who have made the ultimate sacrifice. That's the last word.

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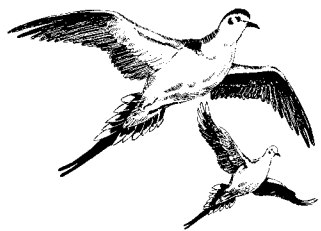
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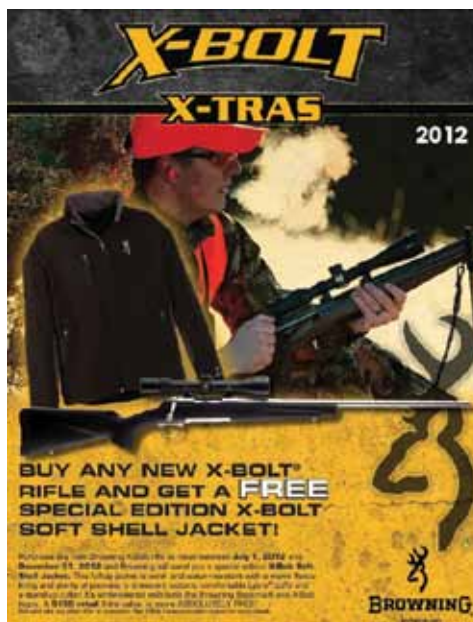
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