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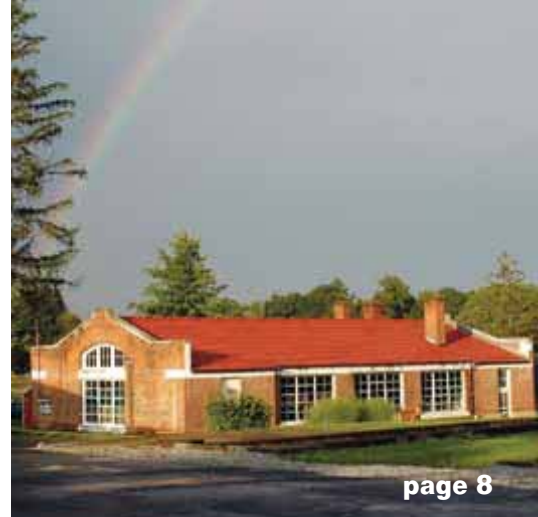
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Trout Stocking **Spring / Fall / Winter** **(609) 633-6765**

The computerized message is available 24 hours per day, seven days a week seasonally, or visit our Web site: NJFishandWildlife.com.

Shad Run **(610) 954-0577 or (610) 954-0578**

In April, the Delaware River Shad Fishermen's Association provides a message on the shad run in the Delaware 24 hours per day, seven days a week. Information on river conditions and the status of the shad run is offered. Call in late evening or early morning to avoid a busy signal.

Environmental Alert **(877) WARNDP**

Contact this 24-hour hotline to report a fish kill, illegal waterbody drawdown, pollution or other environmental offense.

Operation Game Thief **(800) 222-0456**

Call this number to anonymously report a fish or wildlife violation.

ATTENTION NEW JERSEY SALTWATER ANGLERS

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) established the New Jersey Saltwater Recreational Registry Program, effective May 4, 2011, to exempt saltwater recreational anglers fishing in New Jersey's marine and tidal waters from the federal registry and the \$15 federal registration fee imposed in 2011.

The goal of the registry is to provide the most accurate information possible that can be used to determine the health of fish stocks and report to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Reliable, universally trusted data will aid anglers, fisheries managers and other stakeholders in their combined efforts so that rules are set to effectively and fairly ensure the long-term sustainability of recreational fishing.

WHO NEEDS TO REGISTER?

NOTE: Anglers with either a valid registration from the National Saltwater Angler Registry, a valid license from another exempted state or a New Jersey freshwater fishing license are required to register (for free) with the New Jersey Saltwater Recreational Registry Program. *Registration with New Jersey will exempt you from having to register with the National Saltwater Angler Registry. Registered anglers must still comply with saltwater license requirements in other states.*

Individual saltwater anglers ages 16 and older MUST register if ANY of the following criteria are met:

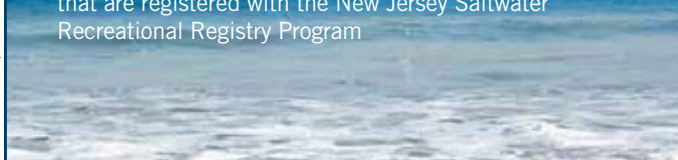
- Recreationally fish with a hand line or rod and line, spearfish or fish by hand
- Recreationally fish in the marine and fresh tidal waters of the State of New Jersey
- Recreationally fish in marine waters outside the State of New Jersey but land the catch in New Jersey

The only means to register is online at saltwaterregistry.nj.gov

Individual saltwater anglers are EXEMPT from registering if either of the following apply:

- Under the age of 16
- Solely fish on for-hire (party and charter) vessels that are registered with the New Jersey Saltwater Recreational Registry Program

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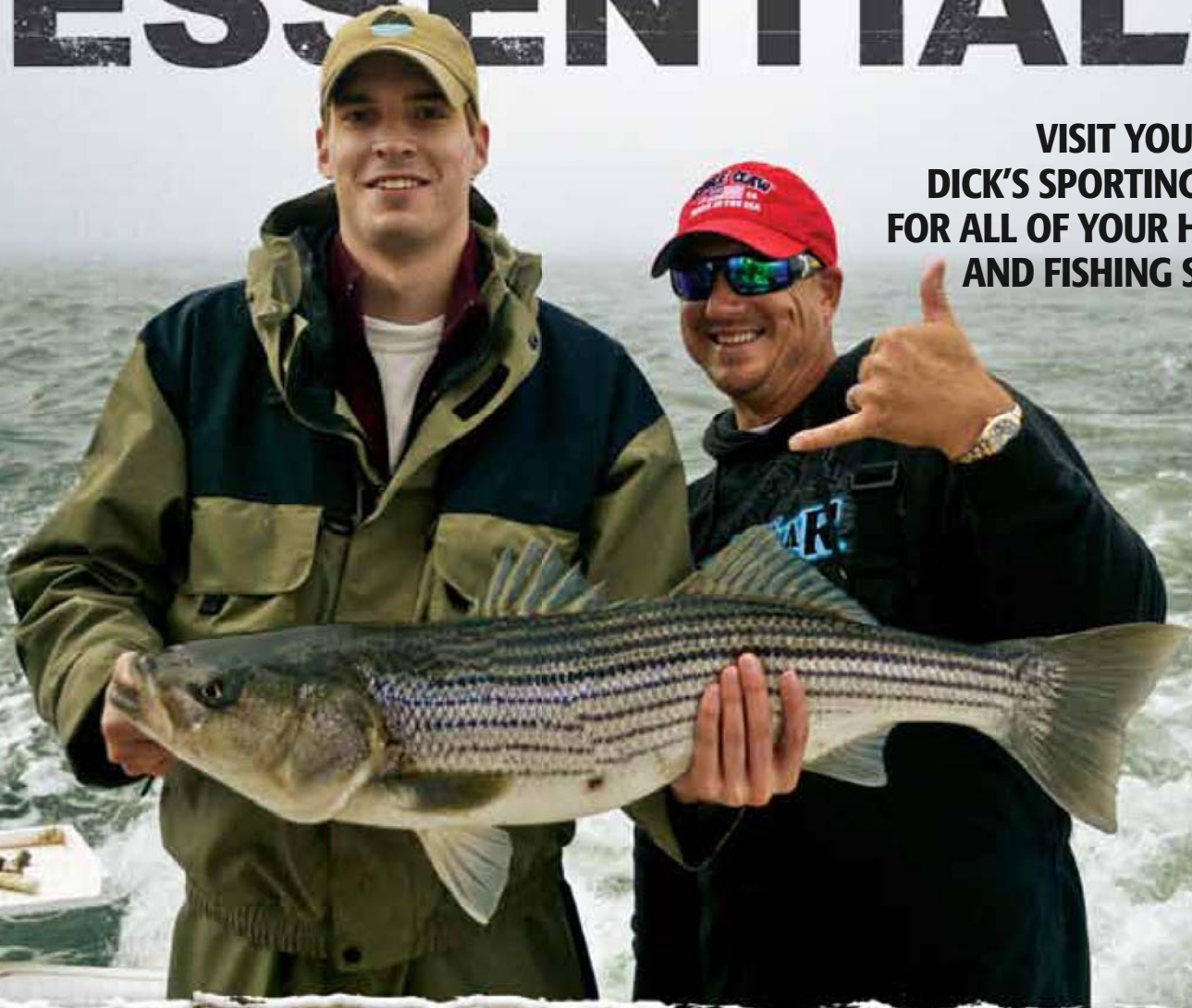
To protect and manage the state's fish and wildlife to maximize their long-term biological, recreational and economic value for all New Jerseyans.

Our Goals

- To maintain New Jersey's rich variety of fish and wildlife species at stable, healthy levels and to protect and enhance the many habitats on which they depend.
- To educate New Jerseyans on the values and needs of our fish and wildlife and to foster a positive human/wildlife co-existence.
- To maximize the recreational and commercial use of New Jersey's fish and wildlife for both present and future generations.

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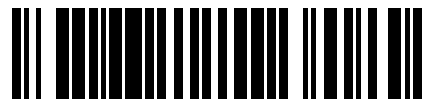


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