

JACQUES COUSTEAU
NATIONAL ESTUARINE
RESEARCH RESERVE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 30th:

Rescheduled Lunch
n' Learn - The Fish
Factories
2:00 - 3:00 pm @
JC NERR

December 9th:

Family Fun - Seals:
New Jersey's Winter
Visitors
7:00 - 8:00 pm

December 14th:

Lunch n' Learn -
Conservation of
Endangered Sal-
monids in Mongolia
12:30 pm

January 18th:

Out and About -
Winter Birding at
Forsythe National
Wildlife Refuge
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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JC NERR in November



Happy Thanksgiving to all!

I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable holiday!

Here at JC NERR our fall educational programs have been in full swing. Our Fall Foliage tour at Bass River State Forest was rained out in October, but we were able to head out there this month for a beautiful crisp November day. We also headed out to explore the beauty of Great Bay Boulevard and learn about the surrounding marshlands and wildlife, with a morning and afternoon van tour. Although the day turned out a bit cloudy and foggy, everyone enjoyed their time on the Tuckerton Peninsula.

Our November 9th Lunch n' Learn program at the Tuckerton Seaport on Little Egg Harbor's Five Fish Factories garnered a sell-out crowd this month! Due to an overwhelming response, we

have rescheduled this talk by Pete Stemmer, a historical researcher from the Bass River Historical Society. The talk will take place on November 30th from 2-3 pm at the Education



Center at the JC NERR. There will be no lunch for this talk, but there is no fee for the presentation.

This upcoming winter look forward to interesting and interactive programs here at the Education center and out in the Reserve. In December, come learn

about seals and which ones you can find in NJ. Join us in January for a Winter birding tour at the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (which is in JC NERR's boundaries) and in February for an interactive 'Life on the Salt Marsh' program and for 'Great Places you Probably Haven't Seen' to discover new and unique natural places in South Jersey worth visiting. In March come out and learn how to build a birdhouse for your backyard.

We do need volunteers for all of our upcoming programs (with the exception of the 'Winter Birding tour') to help with set up and logistical support. We would need one volunteer (or a couple) for all programs except birdhouse building, where we would need three volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Melanie or myself at 609-812-0649 x206 or x203.

Reserve Current Events

JC NERR is currently hosting a food drive through the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, until Friday December 16th. If you have any extra canned goods, non-perishable items, or personal hygiene products, please consider donating them this holiday season. We will have a drop-off box in the foyer of the JC NERR Education Center while staff are in the building. All other

times we will have the drop box on our screened in porch to the left of the main entrance, which can be accessed any time. So please feel free to drop off any donations you may have at a time that is most convenient to you.

Some dietary staples and non-perishables most in demand are:

Peanut butter, canned tuna, baked beans, baby foods and

formula, corned beef hash, beef stew, spam, dry pasta, rice, instant potatoes, mac & cheese, Spaghetti O's, ravioli, Beef-a-Roni, spaghetti sauce, any canned vegetables, applesauce, any canned fruit, canned or dry soup, mayonnaise, jelly, laundry detergent, soap, diapers, shampoo and other personal hygiene products.

Any donation big or small is most welcome and appreciated!



FIGHTING HUNGER AND POVERTY

Black Sea Bass Research Update



Volunteers, staff and grad students prepare for a day of fishing on the Miss Beach Haven

The Rutgers Marine Field Station (RUMFS) has been conducting research on black sea bass that many volunteers have been involved with over the past couple of months. This research is focusing on sex-change in black sea bass with the goal of being able to provide better biological information for commercial and recreational fisheries so they can be managed in the most sustainable fashion.

This study incorporates a tag and recapture program that many of our volunteers have been an integral part of by going out on party boats in order to help catch black sea bass for tagging and release.

The last party boat trip for this season took place on October 23rd and was a great success with 62 fish tagged and re-



Newly caught black sea bass ready for release - showing off its orange floy tag

leased! At the outset of the project the aim was to catch, tag and release 1500 fish. To



Volunteers fish for black sea bass on the Miss Beach Haven

date, 1119 fish have been tagged and 150 have been recaptured! This would not have been possible without all of the volunteers who gave their time and efforts to help with our research! Thank you for all your hard work! The black sea bass project is slated to continue next year with plans to continue tagging fish.

Please RSVP for the Volunteer Holiday Party by Monday December 12th

Volunteer Holiday Party - December 16th

JC NERR will be having our annual volunteer party to recognize



and treat all of our volunteers who have given their time in 2011! It will be held at the JC NERR Education Center on Friday December 16th from 1:00-3:00 pm. Please join us for

food, fun, sharing stories, and festive holiday cheer as we get ready for another new and exciting year.

I have learned that many of you enjoy bringing your own dishes and treats. Please feel free to bring a special or holiday dish along to share with everyone, but know that this is certainly not a requirement!

We will be serving a light lunch/

appetizers and beverages. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP to capone@marine.rutgers.edu or 609-812-0649 x 203 by Monday December 12th.



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Please contact Melanie (609-812-0649 x206) for more details or to register for programs.

Until next month!

- Kim Capone
Volunteer Coordinator