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Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2011: (*Mtg. Start Time: 6:30pm & Ends at 9:30pm*)

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Spring has finally arrived and the long winter of our discontent is over. We can now listen for the crack of a baseball bat, hoping that the sound came from the home team. The fishing season has arrived; I wish you all the best; take the time to go fishing with a friend and enjoy the outdoors or better yet take a child. Nothing can bring a smile to your face faster than watching a little one land their first bluegill. Fishing can be a life-long passion but, only if you invite someone to join in the fun!!

David Ferretti

AGENDA

6:30pm Fly-tying and good conversation.

7:00pm More fly-tying...and a brief discussion regarding our annual May cookout over at Whitings Pond in North Attleboro, MA.

We wish to welcome the following new club members who recently joined Crossroads Anglers: **Mark Johnston, Dan Deneault, Stan & Jamie Beirut, Bob Parsons, and Paul Wheeler .**

We wish to extend a big thank you to Bob Hines for his recent presentation on the Salmon River in Upstate NY. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to listen and learn about this unique fresh water fishing experience.

Newsletter Editor's Update for April:

The April club mtg. will focus on fly-tying and good conversation while the May club mtg. will once again be the annual cook out. In addition, I suggest you tune in to learn about upcoming opportunities to fish with your fellow club members locally in the months ahead on upcoming club trips. I also suggest that you check out the Bear's Den website for salt-water fishing destinations over the Summer and early Fall.

It is my understanding that MA and Rhode Island trout fishing is now in full swing with reports of large numbers of trout happy to cooperate with both novice and experienced anglers alike. On Saturday, April 16th the CT Trout Fishing Season will also officially begin. So, with many trout fishing opportunities abounding in New England, why not get out this Spring and try a new spot or learn a new place to go fishing?

Please note, that the March raffle will be for a 12 weight Gilmore reel. The cost will be 3 tickets for \$10 and 7 tickets for \$20. The winner for the Gilmore reel will be selected at the May meeting thus, giving members a couple of chances to win.

PLEASE NOTE, THAT IN 2011 YOU WILL NEED A MA STATE SALT-WATER FISHING LICENSE WHICH WILL THEN ENTITLE YOU TO RECIPROCITY WITH RHODE ISLAND, CONNECTICUT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE.

***PLEASE NOTE, THAT CLUB DUES ARE DUE FOR 2011 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. DUES FOR 2011 ARE STILL ONLY \$30.00 . THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.**

Available for 2011...

Crossroads Anglers club hats priced at \$20.00 a piece and club stickers for your car with the club logo are priced at \$2.00 a piece are now available for sale. Support your fishing club!

WE HAVE GONE DIGITAL WITH THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:

Please note, that the Crossroads Anglers monthly newsletter can be found on the website and that we will only mail out a copy of the newsletter if it is requested! Therefore, if you wish to receive a print copy of the newsletter mailed to your residence simply let one of the Crossroad Anglers Board members know your preference and we will be happy to accommodate you. *In addition, we will send an e-mail reminder of the monthly meeting a week prior to the meeting so, please be sure to provide us with a current e-mail address.* Beginning in April 2011, we will send the newsletter in the body of the e-mail rather than directing members to the message board.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS:

Please bring along a friend to the next monthly Crossroads Anglers club meeting. Remember, there is no closed season on tying flies for the fishing season and beginners are always welcome.

The RISSA Fly-Fishing Committee was established to create an open forum for anglers to enjoy fly-fishing in saltwater in Rhode Island. During the Winter months, the members of the RISSA Fly-Fishing Committee meet the 2nd Tuesday every month at River & Riptide Anglers in Coventry, Rhode Island. However, what I would like to point out to the members of Crossroads Anglers, is the fact that from May through October the monthly meetings are actual fly fishing excursions throughout Rhode Island's saltwater's. For example, in May & June the members will meet to fish the worm hatches at Ninigret Pond. Other trips include the Narrow River and other popular spots in Rhode Island.

For more information about the RISAA Fly-Fishing Committee or where they are headed next to fish in Rhode Island please contact, David Porreca by e-mail at: dsporreca@cox.net

Stripers Forever Members - as indicated by federal govt data and our own annual surveys, the striped bass resource is rapidly declining. This reality has now been recognized by the ASMFC - the organization that manages striped bass along the East Coast - and they will be looking into options to decrease fishing mortality by up to 40% beginning in 2012 - see ASMFC press release pasted in below. While this is a positive development, it will be too little, and is already much too far behind the curve.

In yesterday's press release the ASMFC notes a 66% decline in the recreational catch through 2009. The 2010 numbers have been in for a few weeks now, and the decline in the recreational catch is now 71% since 2006. We also take exception with the sentence in paragraph 2 that says the northern extent of the fishery is concerned over a decline in availability caused by water quality. Certainly we are concerned about Chesapeake water quality, but as one of our members from the Bay area pointed out, water quality in the Bay was probably worse during the best years of the recovery than it is now. Overfishing is what we can control, and we don't think

we should be waiting for another year to go by before doing anything. Stripers Forever will be calling for more immediate measures. Brad Burns SF

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ASMFC Atlantic Striped Bass Board Initiates Addendum to Reduce Fishing Mortality

Alexandria, VA – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board has initiated development of Draft Addendum III with the goals of reducing striped bass fishing mortality (F) up to 40% and further protecting spawning stock when it is concentrated and vulnerable. The addendum was initiated in order to allow managers to promptly respond to the results of the stock assessment update in the fall if necessary. Provisions of the addendum, if passed, could be implemented prior to the start of the 2012 fishing year.

The Board’s action responds to recent trends in the fishery and resource, including a 66% decline in estimated recreational catch from 2006 to 2009; a 25% decline in estimated striped bass abundance from 2004 to 2008; and lowered recruitment in recent years. Additionally, states in the northern extent of the fishery have expressed concern over decreased availability of striped bass as a result of the diminished water quality in the Chesapeake Bay during the summer months that may also contribute to increased prevalence of mycobacteriosis in striped bass.

Draft Addendum III will propose a range of fishing management measures including, but not limited to, adjustments to commercial and recreational minimum size (for jurisdictions outside Chesapeake Bay and Albemarle Sound/Roanoke River), reductions in annual coastal commercial allocation, reductions in recreational bag limits, revisions to the target F rate (for Chesapeake Bay and Albemarle Sound/Roanoke River), and reductions on fishing for striped bass in known spawning areas during the spawning season by at least 50% (for jurisdictions bordering the Hudson River, Delaware River, Chesapeake Bay and Albemarle Sound/Roanoke River).

The commercial and recreational fishery is currently managed through Amendment 6 to the Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan. The Amendment, passed in 2003, allocates the coastal commercial quota and set a two fish bag limit and a 28 inch size minimum for the recreational fishery, with the exception of the Chesapeake Bay fisheries, Albemarle Sound/Roanoke River fisheries, and states with approved alternative regulations.

The Draft Addendum will be developed for preliminary review by the Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board in August. For more information, please contact Kate Taylor, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at ktaylor@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.

On the Water website:

**Be sure to check out the MA & Rhode Island fishing reports for up to date fresh & salt-water fishing opportunities and other fishing related happenings each and every week by visiting their free on-line fishing report at www.onthewater.com .*

POTENTIAL CLUB FISHING TRIPS FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2011 (pending discussion) :

Learn a new spot to fish and enjoy some good company in the event the fish don't cooperate. If members have any other locations or trips to add we are open minded and happy to do so.

Freshwater Destinations:

Westfield River in MA (May)
Wood River in Rhode Island (April 30th)
Willimantic River in CT (May)
Salmon River in CT (May)
Farmington River in CT (May)
Indian Head River in Pembroke, MA (mid-May)

Saltwater Destinations

Chatham, MA-May 14th
Cape Cod Canal area May (TBD)
Cotuit – 1st week of May
Narrow River in R.I. (June TBD)
Sandwich (Fall TBD)

Special Savings for Crossroads Members

Discounts will be offered to members of the Crossroads Anglers who show their club membership cards to the following businesses when they reserve their date out on the water:

1. Captain David Porecca, River & Riptide Anglers
Fly & Light Tackle Charter and Guide Service,
Fly fish the Wood & Farmington River or chase Striped Bass, Bluefish, & False
Albacore. 10% discount for Crossroads Anglers Members 401/392-1919,
<http://www.riverandriptide.com>

2. Capt. Tom W.
Private Charters for both Fresh & Saltwater guide service
Conventional & Fly-fishing
15% discount for Crossroads Anglers members
Phone ##: 1-781-408-1215

3. Captain Vern (Rob) Robinson & Son, Rock-NReel,
85 Seymour St., Berkley, MA 02779,
508/822-6756.

4. Captain Gary Swanson, Striper-Charters
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