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(Commentary from the Board of Directors)

April Membership Meeting Program: "Flounder Fishing the Chesapeake"

Captain Neil Renouf will present a program on fishing for flounder in the Chesapeake Bay. Neil is a licensed charter captain and guides on the Chesapeake, the James River and other fresh waters within the Commonwealth. He has produced video guides featuring how to fish Briery Creek Lake, Lake Moomaw and the James River. He is a partner in Eberly's Store that features deli food, antiques and fishing tackle. This store, set up to look like where your grandfather would buy fishing supplies, is located on Route 5, four (4) miles east of Interstate 295. Take a look at www.eberlysstore.com and learn more about our speaker and his offerings to the angling community.

Virginia Anglers Club Website Fund Approaching Goal

Treasurer Clif Williams announced at the April BOD meeting that the VAC WEB SITE FUND is at 90% of the \$1800 goal. Only \$165 is needed to reach the goal that funds the web site for the entire 2008 angling year. The Board of Directors thanks those members who have shown their belief in the importance of the VAC website and have made donations to date.

Rob Choi Voted into Membership in the VAC

Rob Choi was voted into membership in the VAC at the March Membership Meeting. Rob has gotten active on the James and has posted reports on the web site. If you have not made yourself known to Rob, please do so the next time you see him. Rob's first sponsor was Bob Shepherd.

Special April Raffle -- A Rod and Reel Combo -- Drawing at the April 22nd Membership Meeting.

New Special Activities Chairman, Justin Schrinel, has received the donation of a new rod/reel combo as a Special Raffle item. Raffle tickets will be sold, \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, at the April Membership Meeting. Drawing will be held at the break. Check out the details of the combo elsewhere in this issue of the Angler.

Deadline For Dues Was February 29, 2008

As of the April BOD Meeting, dues have been received from 77 paying members and 14 non-paying members are staying on (Life, Honorary and Complimentary members pay no dues). A final reminder will go out those 12 paying members who have not brought their dues up to date. Recipients of the reminder who do not renew their membership will no longer receive The Angler and have their web site "member's area" entry privileges cancelled. No Entry Cards submitted between March 1st and the date of receipt of membership renewal dues will be honored for catch credit.

March \$pecials to be Offered at the Country \$tore

Keeper of the Country Store, Eddy Johnston has ordered the continuation of the <u>Mammoth Inventory Reduction Sale</u>. At the April Membership Meeting, special pricing will abound. Look elsewhere in this issue of this *Angler* for the details and low, low prices of many irresistible bargain prices on fine VAC sanctioned merchandise.

Special VAC Columbia Bonehead™ Shirt Orders Being Taken

Details of how to order a special edition of the official Virginia Anglers Club Columbia brand fishing shirt appear elsewhere in this issue of the *Angler*. A minimum of orders for 6 shirts is

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needed for this special offer to work. See details for embroidery options elsewhere in this edition of the Angler.

Annual VAC Fish Fry to be Held at Maymont May 27, 2008

The Annual Virginia Anglers Club Fish Fry is scheduled to be held at the Maymont Nature Center on May 27, 2008. This will be the regular May Membership Meeting. Please start thinking about donations of fish for consumption from either

he freezer or from your future catches before books have committed. Visitors are most tails will come as the date draws closer.

rship Team , Sr.,

CATCHY COMMENTS

By Buddy Noland

It's been an interesting month with the weather changes. We had it all from cold to hot with plenty of rain and wind.

On the *Saltwater* side, **Toney Horsley**, won a Bonefish Tournament in Islamorada, Florida with a 9.4 pound and 11.8 pound Bonefish to highlight the month. You can read more about his accomplishment on the VAC website.

Shad is the story on the *Freshwater* scene. **Mickey Kodroff** and **Jim Sheffield** have been fishing the Tar River in N.C. with success with the American Shad on spin and fly. **Mickey** has the largest American this year with a 3-10 on 4# spin for 217 points which also gives him the lead for the "American Shad Release Cup" with 6 total releases. **Mickey** also set a Club Record on 6# fly with a 3-0 American for 179 points. **Jeff Doughty** is slightly behind with 5 American releases with his largest being a 3-8 on 2# spin for 280 points.

Danny Noland, Dean Winstead and **Jeff Doughty** have been wearing out the Hickories and Americans on the Nottoway recently on plug, spin, and fly, until the recent rains raised the water level too high and stained to fish. **Dean** caught the Lunker leader Hickory with a 2-5 on 4 spin for 220 points. I've gotten more than 20 entries from the Nottoway River alone. **Jeff** and **Dean** had several days where every cast was a Hickory. The by-catch has **Dean** leading the Bowfin with a 2-11 fish on 4# spin.

The boats have been numerous under the James River Bridge and the pollen is thick which means the "Shad have arrived" just in time for the VAC Shad Tournament! Lots of entry cards have been turned in with the specie leader now being **Fred Cousins** with a 2-0 Hickory on 2# Fly for 285 points from the James. **Scott Johnston's** best is a 1-10 Hickory on 2# fly for 232 points and a 0-10 White Perch on 2# fly for 208 points. This is a great fishery to take a child fishing and compete for the Youth Awards. There are three age categories, 0-6,7-12, and 13-17, for Salt and Freshwater.

Larry Allen had the highest point catch since the last membership meeting. Using a spinner bait at a private pond in Caroline County, Larry landed a 6-8 pound Largemouth Bass on 2# spin worth 433 points. Nice catch!

Not really sure what happened at Lake Moomaw several weeks ago, with Jeff, Dean, Danny and Ricky Dale. I only got bits and pieces since I was out of town on vacation myself. But they all fished the Lake on Saturday and were supposed to meet a fishing guide for Yellow Perch on Sunday. Danny topped his previous Smallmouth entry with a 3-0 on 2# Fly for 375 points that Saturday which was the only card from all four of them. Early Sunday morning, the fishing guide is patiently waiting, nice and dry, at the Lake Moomaw boat ramp when he gets a phone call from **Jeff** that "the guys needed to cancel the trip because they were "iced in" on the other side of the mountain" where they were staying overnight. Must have been the only motel parking lot in the country that got "sleet" and "ice" that morning. It was 84 degrees where I was staying. I hope it's not another Brokeback Mountain thing!

My apology to **Parks Rountrey** for overlooking his Yellow Perch entry last month. Parks now takes the lead in the Freshwater Plug Division with his 1-0 Yellow Perch on 2# plug for 263 points.

Take care



Tony Horsley Wins Islamorada All-tackle Spring Bonefish Tournament.

Read the full article online:

http://www.virginiaanglersclub.org/article.php?id=22





Ukrop's Special Gold Gift Points Coming Out Soon!

Your monthly news letter from Ukrop's super markets will soon arrive and contain a summary of the Golden Gift program points you have acquired while using your Ukrop's card at their stores. Just follow the instructions, specify the Virginia Angles Club as the group to whom your points should be credited and send the request to Ukrop's as directed. See if you can get some of your friends and neighbors to specify the VAC as the recipient for their points too. The Golden Gift Program has been a source of a nice chunk of change for the Club.

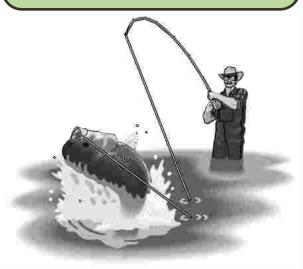
Special April Raffle --Rod and Reel Combo

At the break of the April Membership Meeting, an Avocet rod and reel combo will be raffled off. Be sure to buy your tickets before or during the first half of the meeting. See Special Activities Chairman Justin Schrinel for tickets....\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The following is the description of the rod and reel combo as posted on the www.fishmitchell.com web site. All proceeds go to the General Fund of the Virginia Anglers' Club.

AvocetTM II Silver Combo: AVS2000/662M

AvocetTM II Silver Combo - 6'6"

- Features 8 Ball Bearings with instant anti-reverse, dual bearing supported pinion, and an EZ flow balanced rotor.
- Includes heavy duty metal gearing, everlast spring system, and comes balanced on a matching High Modulas Graphite Rod for strength and sensitivity.
- Reel Size: 2; Rod Power: Medium



Angler of the Month for March 2008

by Buddy Noland

The C. V. Kinnard "Angler of the Month" award competition only had two entries for March. There were several other high point entry cards turned in this month, but you have to be present at the monthly meeting to enter this contest . The winners were as follows:

1st Place - Larry Allen with a 6-8 Largemouth Bass on #2 Spin for 433 points.

2nd Place – Parks Rountrey with a 18-0 Blue Catfish on 2# general for 221 points.

3rd Place – No entry.



Matt Anderson shows off a Sailfish caught out of Los Suenos Marina in Costa Rica.



The Farley brothers enjoy a day of Shad fishing with grandpa Scott Johnston.





Back by Popular Demand!

VAC Country Store -- Big Sale Continues on April 22nd.

VAC's Country Storekeeper, Eddy Johnston, has ordered that some items be kept at their low, low prices for the April Membership Meeting. Check out these low price offerings....

DGIF '05 and '06 Fresh Water Citation CDs "Double Hook-up" Special

Get a pair for \$1.00 while supplies last! Fish remember where they spent the last two years – will you know where too?

"Hook Out" Stainless Steel Hook Removers w/long handles

The "Hook Out" hook remover makes an easy job of removing a hook from the lips of a fish. It also will reach down a fish's gullet and remove a hook easily from a catch that is "gut hooked" with minimum possible injury to the fish.

Drastically reduced to \$3.00 each! They will sell out fast!

Come early and hook a bargain.

Special Orders Being Taken -- VAC Columbia Bonehead™ Shirts NOW WITH TWO EMBROIDERY OPTIONS

Eddy Johnston will continue to take orders in April for the special "Virginia Anglers Club Edition" of the famous Columbia Bonehead™ long-sleeve 100% cotton fishing shirts. These are high quality and very comfortable shirts @ \$50.00 each. Shirts will be available in the standard Columbia rainbow of colors. Embroidery options now are either "Virginia Anglers Club / Richmond, VA" or the Bill Galash popping bug that is on the VAC "flats style" hat custom embroidered above one pocket. The Columbia website (www.columbia.com) contains pictures of this shirt which can be shown in any color available. Columbia's description of the shirts notes:

"You'll appreciate the exceptional comfort and extra features this shirt provides when it's time to pursue your fishing passion and the summer sun is baking down. There's no shortage of storage space because the BoneheadTM long-sleeve shirt has two large hook-and-loop-close pockets, a tippet-dispenser pocket and three compartments for other accessories. They're made of breathable 100% cotton with a cape-covered polyester mesh back for

welcome cooling ventilation when both the weather and fishing action are hot.

Imported. Sizes (neck): S(14 to 14-1/2), M(15 to 15-1/2), L(16 to 16-1/2), XL(17 to 17-1/2), 2XL(18 to 18-1/2), 3XL(19 to 19-1/2), 4XL(20 to 20-1/2), 5XL(21 to 21-1/2). Colors: Sea Oats, White Cap, White, Etouffee, Sage, Gulfstream, Conch, Fossil, Purple Mountain, Lox, Sea Horse."

Be sure to see Eddy to place your order. Payment (cash or check) with order please.





The Memorial Service for Virgil Hughes will be held Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 2 PM. The location will be the Covenant Woods Retirement Complex located on the west side of Lee Davis Road between Pole Green Road and Mechanicsville Turnpike (US Route 360). For additional details, see the Obituary Section of Richmond Times Dispatch.

Coming east on Mechanicsville Turnpike toward Mechanicsville, turn left at Lee Davis High School on to Lee Davis Road and proceed north to Covenant Woods which will be on your left.

Coming south on Interstate 295, exit on Pole Green Road and follow it east to Lee Davis Road (at an Exxon station). Turn right on Lee Davis Road and proceed south to Covenant Woods which will be on your right.





VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 4/10/08

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	<u>LN</u>	DIV.	<u>PTS</u>	DATE	LOCATION	BAIT
2008 SPECIES LEAD	ERS - SALTWATER							
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	50-9	2	Gen	1011	12/30/07	Concrete Ships, Va.	Eel
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	6-2	2	Spin	408	1/13/08	Elizabeth River	Grub
2008 SPECIES LEAD	ERS - FRESHWATER	₹						
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	L Allen	6-8	2	Spin	433	3/22/08	Private Pond Caroline	In-line Spinner Bait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	DN Noland	3-0	2	Fly	375	3/6/08	Nottoway River	Dan's Peach Shad Fly
BOWFIN	D Winstead	2-11	4	Spin	102	3/21/08	Nottoway River	Road Runner
CARP	F Cousins	22-0	2	Spin	687	2/3/08	Private Lake, Va.	Rattle Trap
CATFISH, BLUE	F Cousins	64-0	4	Gen	682	1/5/08	James River, Va.	Cut Gizzard Shad
CHANNEL CATFISH	JH Sheffield	11-4	2	Gen	359	1/23/08	James River, Va.	Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F Murray	22-0	4	Fly	466	2/17/08	James River	Streamer
CRAPPIE, ALL	M Kodroff	1-2	2	Spin	178	2/5/08	East Lake, NC	Spinnerbait
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	9-8	2	Plug	174	12/8/07	Piankatank River	Silver Buddy
PERCH, WHITE	S Johnston	0-10	2	Fly	208	3/25/08	James River	Clouser
PERCH, YELLOW	F Cousins	1-1	2	Spin	279	12/8/07	Piankatank River	Grub
PICKERAL, CHAIN	M Kodroff	2-12	4	Spin	202	2/5/08	East Lake, NC	Plastic Tail & Jig
SHAD, AMERICAN	J Doughty	3-8	2	Spin	280	3/31/08	Nottoway River	Shad Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	F Cousins	2-0	2	Fly	285	4/27/08	James River	Shad Fly
SUNFISH, ALL	WS Johnston	0-9	2	Fly	187	3/2/08	Piscataway River	Clouser
2008 DIVISION LEAD	ERS - SALTWATER							
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	50-9	2	Gen	1011	12/30/07	Concrete Ships, Va.	Eel
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	6-2	2	Spin	408	1/13/08	Elizabeth River	Grub
2008 DIVISION LEAD	ERS - FRESHWATE	<u>R</u>						
CATFISH, BLUE	F Cousins	64-0	4	Gen	682	1/5/08	James River, Va.	Cut Gizzard Shad
CARP	F Cousins	22-0	2	Spin	687	2/3/08	Private Lake, Va.	Rattle Trap
PERCH, YELLOW	JP Rountrey	1-0	2	Plug	263	2/24/08	Chickahominy River	Cicada Blade Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F Murray	22-0	4	Fly	466	2/17/08	James River	Streamer
NEW CLUB RECORD	S - SALTWATER							
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	50-9	2	Gen	1011	12/30/07	Concrete Ships, Va.	Eel
NEW CLUB RECORD	S - FRESHWATER							
CATFISH, BLUE	F Cousins	64-0	4	Gen	682	1/5/08	James River, Va.	Cut Gizzard Shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	JH Sheffield	11-4	2	Gen	359	1/23/08	James River, Va.	Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	JH Sheffield	25-0	4	Spin	423	1/11/08	James River, Va.	Jig & Gulp
CARP	F Cousins	22-0	2	Spin	687	2/3/08	Private Lake, Va.	Rattle Trap
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F Murray	22-0	4	Fly	466	2/17/08	James River	Streamer
CARP	F Murray	20-0	4	Spin	500	2/17/08	James River, Va.	Silver Buddy
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F Murray	27-8	4	Spin	466	2/17/08	James River	Jig
CATFISH, BLUE	RJ Brown	47-0	12	Gen	326	3/3/08	James River, Va.	Cut Bait
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-0	6	Fly	179	3/13/09	Weldon, N.C.	Shad Fly

2008 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - FRESHWATER

none submitted yet for 2008

2008 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER

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2008 TOP SPOUSE CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

none submitted yet for 2008

2008 TOP YOUTH CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

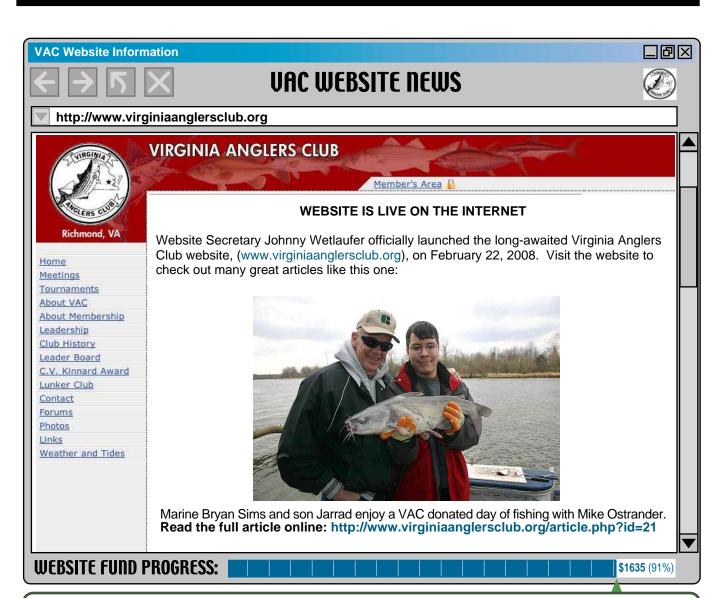
none submitted yet for 2008







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FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
1	0	0	1	1011	
0	1	1	2	1369	
1	0	0	1	433	
0	1	0	1	221	221
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Please Support the VAC Website Fund

Please make whatever contribution you can make to the VAC WEBSITE FUND. The success of establishing and maintaining the website depends on your support. Check this Website Fund Progress bar with each issue of the *Angler* to see how your contributions are helping to bring life to the website.

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Species	Angler	Weight	Angler	weight	Sacres	Angler	Meign	Angler	weight
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	Larry Allen	8-9	Dr. Mickey Kodroff	10-12	GROUPER, GAG			Elly Robinson	9-12
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE)	Eric McDuffie	1-7	GROUPER, HISTORIC			Bill DuVal	63-8
BASS, SMALLMOUTH Danny Noland	Noland 3-0	Bob Shepherd	oherd 5-8		GROUPER, OTHER			Bruce Henderson	21-8
BASS, STRIPED HY		-	Ross	6-10	JACK, CRAVELLE			Ronnie Sides	34-0
BASS, STRIPED LL			Gary Anderson	23-6	JACK, ALMACO			W.B. Duval	53-8
BASS, WHITE			John Wycoff	2-12	LADYFISH			Tom Barnett	3-12
BOWFIN	Dean Winstead	2-11	W.H. McCarthy	12-11	MACKEREL, CREO			Bill DuVal	8-0
CARP	Fred Cousins	22-0	Fred Cousins	25-8	MACKEREL, KING			Bill DuVal	62-0
CATFISH, BLUE	Fred Cousins	64-0	Steve Luterek	26-0	MACKEREL, SPANISH			Bill DuVal	4-0
CATFISH, CHANNEL	JH Sheffield	11-4	Fred Murray	12-4	MACKEREL, SPANISH (HIST.)*			C.O. Mather	18-3*
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	Fred Murray	27-8	Lynn Spurlin	27-8	MARLIN, BLACK			F.D. Gottwald	1075-0
CATFISH, HISTORIC	`		D.N. Jones	22-12	MARLIN, BLUE ATL & PAC			Steve Hutchins	691-5
CRAPPIE, ALL	Mickey Kodroff	1-2	Gary Donahue	2-14	MARLIN, STRIPED			C.O. Mather	266-0
GAR, ALL	Fred Cousins	4-8	Dick Goode	17-8	MARLIN, WHITE			C.O. Mather	113-7
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL			Bob Shepherd	28-7	PERMIT			Bill DuVal	42-0
PERCH, WHITE	Scott Johnson	0-10	Eric McDuffie	1-7	POMPANO, AFRICAN			Elly Robinson	33-0
PERCH, YELLOW	Fred Cousins	1-1	Robbie Robinson	1-13	POMPANO, COMMON			Parks Rountrey	1-8
PICKEREL, CHAIN	Mickey Kodroff	2-12	Reggie White	7-10	ROOSTERFISH			W.C. Askew	8-05
PIKE, NORTHERN	•		L. Kesteloo	17-8	RUNNER, RAINBOW			Pat Quisenberry	20-5
SALMON, ATLANTIC			H.A. Claiborne	19-0	SAILFISH, ATLANTIC			C.O. Mather	86-3
SALMON, CHINOOK			Scott Johnston	34-0	SAILFISH, PACIFIC			J.F. McNeace	140-0
SALMON, COHO			P.W. Hughes	16-8	SEATROUT, SPOTTED	Fred Cousins	6-2	Virgil Hughes	11-14
SHAD, AMERICAN	Mickey Kodroff	3-10	P. Dasher	7-4	SHARK, MAKO			C.O. Mather	486-0
SHAD, HICKORY	Dean nWinstead	2-5	Dr. Mickey Kodroff	3-4	SHARK, OTHER			L. Kesteloo	200-0
SUNFISH, ALL	Scott Johnston	6-0	Roy Jones	2-4	SHEEPSHEAD			Dr. Jim Wright	14-0
TROUT, BROOK			Joe Brooks	8-0	SNAPPER, CUBERA			Bill DuVal	48-8
TROUT, BROWN			Bill Barnett	28-0	SNAPPER, MUTTON			Bill DuVal	17-8
TROUT, CUTTHROAT			C.O. Mather	3-12	SNAPPER, OTHER			Bill DuVal	32-0
TROUT, LAKE			Mark Sosin	30-0	SNAPPER, RED			Bill Duval	2-0
TROUT, RAINBOW			Fred Cousins	9-4	SNOOK			Dick Stephenson	18-0
TROUT, STEELHEAD			Stamford Nion	15-0	SPADEFISH			Elly Robinson	11-15
WALLEYE			Steve Luterek	9-6	SPOT			Dr. Jim Wright	1-2
WARMOUTH			Lynn Spurlin	0-14	SWORDFISH			Stuart Lee	363-0
			:		- AKFON			E. Dunnam Dr. Iim Wischt	120-0
AMBERJACK, GREALER			Bill Rewalt	91-2				Dr. Jini Wilgin	0-0-
BAKKACUDA, GREAL			Reggie White	48-0	TRIOCEPINE				† *
BASS, BLACK SEA	; ;	;	Jim Sheffield	7-4	HIND DIVIN			Bill Duvai	10-0
BASS, STRIPED	Jim Sheffield	6-09	C.V. Kinnard	48-0	IONA, BIGEYE AIL			F.C. WIIISON	0-612
BLUEFISH			Paul Richie	22-0	TUNA, BLACKFIN			Ronnie Hogge	38-0
BONEFISH			F.W. Lawrence	13-14	TUNA, BLUEFIN			R.L. Gilliam	1080-0
COBIA			Bill DuVal	77-0	TUNA, SKIPJACK			Bill DuVal	18-0
CROAKER			Dr. Jim Wright	4-0	TUNA, YELLOWFIN			Bill Rewalt	231-0
DOLPHIN			A.M. McCarthy	0-09	TUNNY, LITTLE			Buddy Noland	19-8
DRUM, BLACK			Robbie Robinson	82-8	WAHOO			Bill DuVal	0-86
DRUM, RED			Dennis Cline	62-0	WEAKFISH			Bill Gallasch	15-6
FLOUNDER, SUMMER			Pat Dudley	10-5	* Includes Cero and Narrow Barred Mackerels	ed Mackerels			





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