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IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Don't Violate License Laws

Publication of the raise of hunting license fees in New York State has caused considerable discussion and it's surprising to hear so many different reports about them.

We informed our readers that the big game hunting license would cost the New Jersey resident and other non-residents who wished to hunt New York, \$52.50 for big game and \$32.50 for small game. If one wished to hunt both, they had to purchase the small and big game licenses at a total cost of \$85. Also, it wasn't necessary for the big game hunter to have to purchase the small game license if he did not want to hunt small game. There are two separate licenses.

There is no need to repeat what some folks read in other news mediums or were told. This is it.

Governor Hugh Carey signed the license bill on August 8th and licenses should be available before the end of this month.

The New York Conservation Department realizes that with the increase, efforts will be made by non-residents to violate the laws as far as licenses are concerned. Contracts with New York residents who live across or near our state line for resident licenses will be made. How foolish. Conservation officers are well ahead in the matter of such dealings. They will be alerted.

Pennsylvania did not raise their licenses this year. The non-resident hunting license will cost \$40.35 for persons 12 years of age and over. There's special Non-Resident Regulated Shooting Grounds license for \$3.15.

New York residents as well as all other non-residents will have to pay our state the same fee we are charged for a license in their state.

Sportmen with hunting dogs have started exercising and training both hounds and bird dogs in New York, Pennsylvania and parts of our state.

New Jersey allows training at any time while the other states have an Aug. 1st date. But our state laws prohibit training during the firearms deer season and on our State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas before Sept. 1. Other exceptions are Nov. 8, 10, 17, 24 and Dec. 1.

Carl Svec of Passaic has been fishing the Passaic River below the Garfield Dam for the past 14 years and he was pleasantly surprised to catch two striped bass there. The bass were caught last week—measured 10 and 13 inches long. These fish migrated all the way from the waters of the ocean into Newark Bay and upwards. It's nice to hear about this and we wonder how much change there is in the pollution barrier.

This writer can remember striped bass catches made below the dam in Garfield in the early 1930s.

Tuna are being caught off the Jersey coast but many miles out for the big ones and closer it seems for the smaller fish.

A 693 pound tuna was caught Saturday at the Buffer Buoy by Leo Dacey of Brielle and it took Leo just five minutes longer than an hour to boat it. That's really the work of a pro—and no doubt Leo is just that. He chummed for the tuna with slick and then chunks.

As a judge for the U.S. Atlantic Tuna Tournament for



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many years, it was our lot to check and watch anglers who were hooked or reported a fish. The fight would go on for hours and many were smaller than Decey's fish. A nice catch indeed.

Bernie Vender Valk was another angler who came through with a nice tuna, a 141 pounder. The Public Service party made up of Vender Valk, Steve Douglas, and Gary Young decided on a shark trip with Captain "Doc" Shirley on the Kit Kat out of Brielle. They had four tuna on but caught a 70 pound Dusky Shark. Bernie said they were using whole mackerel for bait.

The party from The Widows, Paterson, enjoyed another fishing trip with Captain Warren Dunham on the Doria D out of Brielle, Sunday.

They were out for tuna and they managed to catch two Yellow fins and a few skip-jack tuna.

George La Bar, Norman and Lou Izzi, Phil Klutarsis, All Aleziere and George Taylor made up the party. George La Bar caught a 50 pound Yellow and Norman Izzi the other a 48 pounder.

Inquiries regarding hunting on the Newark Watershed this fall should be sent to Terrance Moore, Director of the Newark Watershed Conservation and Development Corporation at Charlottesville.

Most of the anglers on the head boats along our shoreline take advantage of the fish pools, for the heaviest fish takes during the trip. Some of the recent winners include:

Charles Arroot, Paterson, bluefish on Satellite; Debbie Sanford, Wallington, fluke on Norma K III; John Campbell, Passaic, fluke on Shamrock; John Kant, Midland Park, fluke on Falcon; P. Malons, Paterson, fluke on Super Cat; Jeff Purtell, Allendale, fluke on Big Marie-S; Paul Slovik, Little Falls, fluke on Shamrock Steve Nugent, Clifton, fluke on Capt. Louie and Herb Klarr, Parsippany, bluefish on Miss Tambo.

Commissioner of Environmental Conservation of New York, Ogden Reid today advised against eating fish taken from the Hudson River, particularly long-lived fish such as striped bass and largemouth bass. Testing shows concentrations of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in excess of level set by the Federal Food and Drug Administration as acceptable for human consumption.