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President’s Message by Al Faust

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I told myself I would try to stay away from politics this year, but it does not appear that it will be possible. Since we all recall how the salmon fishery on the Penobscot was shut down..... If we do not all hang together, surely we will all hang separately. Thanks to Woody Higgins and Don Corey for alerting me to the issue.

Feds to 60 Million American Anglers: We don't need you

IRVINE, Calif. USA – October 5, 2009 – A recently published administration document outlines a structure that could result in closures of sport fishing in salt and freshwater areas across America. The White House created an Interagency Oceans Policy Task Force in June and gave them only 90 days to develop a comprehensive federal policy for all U.S. coastal, ocean and Great Lakes waters. Under the guise of 'protecting' these areas, the current second phase of the Task Force direction is to develop zoning which may permanently close vast areas of fishing waters nationwide. This is to be completed by December 9, 2009.

Dave Pfeiffer, President of Shimano American

Corporation explained, "In spite of extensive submissions from the recreational fishing community to the Task Force in person and in writing, they failed to include any mention of the over one million jobs or the 60 million anglers which may be affected by the new policies coast to coast. Input from the environmental groups who want to put us off the water was adopted into the report verbatim – the key points we submitted as an industry were ignored."

Recreational fishing generates a \$125 billion annual economy in the United States and supports jobs in every state according to government figures. Through the Sport Fish Restoration program, anglers have provided more than \$5 billion through excise taxes on fishing tackle to fishery conservation and education for decades.

In addition to the economic aspects, anglers lead the nation in volunteer conservation efforts on behalf of improving fish habitat, water quality and related environmental areas. "There was no mention of the fishery conservation efforts which anglers have led for over 50 years in every state – an environmental success

story that has no equal in the world", said Phil Morlock, Director, Environmental Affairs for Shimano. "The Task Force did not make any distinction between the dramatic differences between harmful commercial fishing harvest methods and recreational fishing, even though we spelled it out for them in detail," added Morlock.

Claiming to be the result of a public consultation process the report states, "Having considered a broad range of public comments, this report reflects the requests and concerns of all interested parties."

The original White House memo and not surprisingly the Task Force report contains multiple references to developing a national policy where Great Lakes and coastal regions are managed, "consistent with international law, including customary international law as reflected in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea" - a 300-page treaty the U.S. has never ratified.

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Special points of interest:

- Coastal and Inland waters in danger.
- November speaker will be talking about turkeys in Maine
- Camp breakfast a huge success
- October Hunter Safety had 75 participants

President Faust's Message – Continued

"We question what implications there will be for state authority and jurisdiction in the Great Lakes and coastal regions if the U.S. adopts the U.N. Treaty," said Pfeiffer.

The report makes it clear that future authority for implementing the policy for coastal and inland waters will fall under White House jurisdiction with a new National Ocean Council comprised of over 20 federal agencies at Cabinet Secretary or Deputy Secretary level. No reference to Congressional jurisdiction is indicated.

"This significant change in U.S. policy direction is

the result of a 90-day fire drill process as ordered by the President that, not surprisingly, lacks balance, clarity and quality in the end product," said Morlock. "People who simply want to take their kids fishing on public waters deserve better from their government," he added.

Shimano is joining with other members of the recreational fishing industry to urge anglers to contact their members of Congress and the administration to request this process be required to adopt the economic, conservation and social contributions of recreational fishing as key elements of the

policy. It is critical that we ensure Congressional oversight and state jurisdiction and management continues.

E-letters can be sent to the administration and members of Congress by visiting KeepAmericaFishing.org. The future of fishing is in your hands.

###Editor's Note: Phil Morlock is attending Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus functions this week in Washington, DC, but will make himself available for questions, interviews on this. Contact John Mazurkiewicz with Catalyst Marketing for arrangements.

Stetson Camp Breakfast A Success

Saturday, September 19th, a group of hearty souls all met for a morning breakfast at the Stetson Camp. A good time was had by all. From the reports it was the best turn out for this event in a few years.

After the hearty meal, some rounds of skeet shooting were held.

Everyone who participated seemed to enjoy the opportunity and the challenge of this type of shooting.

It was said folks stayed on in the morning to enjoy a good time and the fellowship of club members. The Stetson camp is open for all to enjoy. Many folks use it

but do not hesitate to come enjoy our land.

Questions about the Stetson Land and camp? Feel free to contact a Board Member.

The camp is there for all members to enjoy!

NOVEMBER REGULAR MEETING – EVERYONE WELCOME!

Did you know.....
Turkeys can fly up to 60 miles per hour and a distance of 1 mile?



What Interests You?

Have you ever said, "I could write something like that?" Have you ever thought you had something interesting to share with other club members?

If so, an invitation is extended to you. This is your newsletter. We would like members to contribute articles or

ideas of what they would like to read about.

A newsletter can be the heartbeat of an organization. A chance for those who may not join us on a regular basis to keep in touch and remain connected to the club.

There is more to our club

than just a few meetings a year and some functions. We would like to have you contribute to our message. If you would like to contribute an article or the idea for an article, please feel free to email it to Lois-Ann Holmes, editor at ralphh@maine.edu. You will receive a confirmation or call me at 825-3688.

To reduce postage costs - the newsletter is available by email. Just go to our website and sign up. If you know someone who is not getting the newsletter - please contact Lois-Ann.

Hunters Breakfast - November 21st 4AM - 9AM

Our next big fund raiser will be a Public Hunters Breakfast on Saturday, November 21st from 4 AM to 9AM. Enclosed in this newsletter is a free page with the information so you might post it as a flyer in a local store or put it on a local bulletin board.

More flyers will be available at the meeting. Please feel free to pass the word so this is a success. Our menu is on

the flyer. We can use monetary donations to defray our expenses (a basket will be passed at the meeting), persons to help during the breakfast and help in advertising this by putting out flyers and passing the word.

Please contact Nancy Hatch if you have a specific interest, talent or can help. If you have not already been given an assignment she would be

happy to hear from you. From ticket sales to a clean up crew, fire stokers and just people to clear tables, we do need bodies so please consider giving us a few hours.

Even if you are not a hunter this is a great way to start your day! Let everyone know ~ this is the ~ "Go To Place on 11/21" !!!

Siding on the Barn

Since the last meeting, through the efforts of Dean Smith and a few of our other members to secure, coordinate and assist the activities of a crew from Penobscot County Jail, we have new siding on the barn. These folks have done a wonderful much needed job and have saved us time and valuable resources. The value of their labor is immeasurable.

The barn looks **great!** The vinyl siding, which has been installed, will

mean many years of worry free protection. In addition, many things have been cleaned out and organized.

It was the hard work and efforts of this same crew which sanded and resurfaced our beautiful hard wood floors in the club house this past year. These two projects have greatly improved our look.

It is important for folks to know - this program, which has helped us, is in jeopardy as the State of Maine takes control of all jails state wide and this

outreach work release programs. If you are talking to any state Reps or others in Augusta, please let them know the value of these programs for incarcerated persons.

It is nice a number of the workers gained valuable work skills and also enjoyed improving our property. We are thankful for this boost and wish them well.

Thanks also to the members who assisted. Hopefully in the future this will not be discontinued and we can do more.

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2009 Outdoor Family Fun Day A Huge Success – Planning for 2010!

This past June, PCCA along with other like minded local organizations put on a Outdoor Family Fun Day. By all measures, this was a very successful event with over 100 people enjoying outdoor activities, despite the weather. Youth with

their families were able to tie a fly, learn about fly fishing, shoot a bow and arrow, use a bb gun, paddle a canoe on the river, examine pelts, find a geocache, make a picture with a wood block, examine pond water and see the IF&W Search and Rescue Dogs as well as earn a patch from the

xxxx & xxxx.

Every partner was very excited about the participation and enthusiasm shown by those who attended. It has been decided to support putting on an Outdoor Family Fun Day in June of 2010. Watch the newsletter for more information.

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