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Message from the President

Dear Members,

Happy New Year everyone. January crept in like a lamb, then roared like our typical winter lion in western PA. It's a balmy -4 degrees as I type, and we just received another good snowfall (16"-24") this weekend pending where you reside.

We recently completed our 1st public meeting, which was held earlier this month. I would like to say thank you to all who attended. It was a good "catch up" meeting for the membership regarding new items and updates. It was also good to see past directors there like Ralph and GW as well as the always engaging crew from Team Heart Beat as well as Captain Vince! Thanks again to those who came out to the meeting.

We started off our meeting by handing out the 1st place trophy to the Fall Trout winners from Team Outcast. Jason is a 2X winner. Also, we recognized the 2018 Trout Cup winner: Doctor Bob and his Team Heartbeat by handing him their trophy. These were presented at our January meeting to make amends for us not having these trophies present at our FTC. Congratulations once again.

Reminder: This upcoming year, we will be selling tickets for a charter with Black Top Charters with Captain Ken Nulph. Ken is a fish mowing machine and this trip would serve as a great learning opportunity as well as a fish catching opportunity for anyone. Also, we introduced our cooler tackle & apparel prize package worth at least \$1,200.00.

Our very successful and popular Kids **Fishing Day** will occur on Saturday May 25th. We have increased the venue to 100 kids this year. Contact the EPSFA or Paul O. if you or someone you know would love to volunteer. This is our Club's flagship community event.

Sharp Hooks and Happy New Year,

Captain Pete Alex

Current Events:

The EPSFA will be doing some club fundraising this next year:

Raffle #1: Up to 5-person Lake Erie fishing charter aboard the **Black Top** with Captain Ken Nulph. Value \$800. \$10.00 per ticket

Raffle #2: Tackle prize package. Value at least \$1,200.00. \$10.00 per ticket

Tickets will eventually be available at: FishUSA, EPSFA tourneys, EPSFA.com, and from BOD.

- **Spring Trout Challenge: April 14th, 2019**
- **Pro AM: August 10th and 11th, 2019**
- **Fall Trout Challenge: October 20th, 2019**
(there will be an overall Trout Cup Champion)

Member News

- Through an anonymous donation, \$3,000 was added into this year's tournament payout. See meeting minutes for breakdown
- Memberships are up for renewal for many of you. They can be renewed on our website. By becoming a member, you become part of a larger voice and are supporting the activities and agenda we represent and stand for. Remember-----**NO MEMBERS=No Voice**
- Want to donate? EPSFA is accepting donations through our membership registration page on our website.
- The EPSFA website is an evolving site. Continue to check back often as this site undergoes modifications. Check us out www.epsfa.com
- The EPSFA has a face book page. Do you? If not, you can still find us and read what we have to say and look at our events-even though you do not have a FB page.
- The BOD has decided to cancel the traditional June Walleye tourney primarily due to low interest and lack of EPSFA volunteer efforts. The BOD has decided to invest their efforts into one event and combine it with a FishUSA weekend event at their facility located in Fairview, PA.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

Location: 4109 West 12th Street

Meeting at American Legion

February 19th, 2019

**Note: all of our winter meetings are open to non-members as well as members. We also welcome spouses and children.*

**Food and beverages are available, and folks can dine in on the member's side (west). Please stay on west side (bar/dining room) until 6:15 or so. The BOD will be meeting on the east side prior to our public meeting.*

EPSFA Speakers, Activity & Events: **Guest speakers for our public meetings will be posted in future emails and newsletters. TBD**

Coast Guard reauthorization includes look at improving 911 system

for boaters. Recently, a provision passed: Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization of Act of 2018. aims to improve reliability of the 911 system when recreational boaters need emergency help. In an effort to ensure timely dispatch of the closest potential rescue asset or on water assistance provider, the Act requires the USCG to review its policies and procedures to "formulate a national maritime Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) policy." There are more than 6,000 PSAPs in the U.S. – local 24/7 call centers with trained dispatchers that receive 911 emergency telephone calls and route them to the proper emergency service. "This effort will help minimize the possibility of maritime calls being improperly routed and to assure the U.S. Coast Guard is able to effectively carry out its maritime search-and-rescue mission".

Trump Signs the Modern Fish Act

The recreational fishing and boating community is celebrating the enactment of the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018 (Modern Fish Act), which was signed into law by President Trump on December 31. The Modern Fish Act finally recognizes in federal law the differences between recreational and commercial saltwater fishing and adds more management tools for policymakers to use in managing federal recreational fisheries. For more information google the Act itself or link below

<http://www.sportfishingpolicy.com/media-room/u-s-house-passes-modern-fish-act/>

THE FRIENDS OF FISH FOUNDATION CONTINUES WITH THEIR SUPPORT: For 17 years in a row the Friends of Fish Foundation, a Philadelphia based philanthropic organization, has again made a significant contribution to the S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie. Total contributions from this generous group over the last 17 years have exceeded \$120,000 It is fortuitous that this generous grant comes at a time when the development of a fishing platform on the Holland St. Dock has received the go ahead from the PA Fish and Boat Commission by providing a grant to the Erie Western Port Authority from the Lake Erie Stamp funds for its construction. This year's grant can be applied to the Holland St. Pier project. We have already used one of their grants to pay for the preliminary engineering.

EPSFA Mission Statement:

The EPSFA was formed to educate, enhance and protect the sport fishing in Pennsylvania, especially in Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay