



Dear Members.

Over the past few months of this year a lot has taken place in our Recreational Fishing Industry. Our fluke season remains nip and tuck at every turn. Black sea bass closures, fishing licenses and now a very controversial issue the CITES Committee and their new rules of engagement for our Bluefin Tuna Fishery.

Senator Chuck Schumer hit on just about all of these highly sensitive issues along with the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and a host of other topics that directly impact our recreational fishery.

People like ourselves need to support such assaults on our recreational fishing industry. It affects not only us as fisherman, but the complete industry, from every Mom & Pop Tackle Shop to Marinas up and down our coast.

This year, as in years past, our club once again was involved with the RFA. The new Managing Director, Jim Hutchinson, seems to have the moral fiber along with the Executive Director, Jim Donofrio, to see things through and channel all efforts for our industry in a proactive direction. At the RFA Show, the chemistry of our Senator, Chuck Schumer and the RFA set a positive tone.

For years, our club has been a member and we have strongly supported them. This year, as in years past, I will also be supporting them not only with a club membership but with my individual membership.

These dues, from people like ourselves, fuel their efforts to support what we believe in. Many members ask me how we can help. The answer is simple support the RFA annually.

To join simple click on:

http://www.joinrfa.org/Join_RFA.htm

Rather than do nothing I encourage all to do something. I thank all of our members for supporting the FTC and all that we stand for in the art of sportsmanship.

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