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A word
from the
executive
director

Perhaps I'm biased, but I think the new CCA "Fish Alabama" license plate is by far the best-looking specialty tag in the state. Everyone who loves coastal fishing ought to have at least one.

If every CCA member in the state buys just one of the new plates we'll add about \$100,000 to our annual budgeted income. Just imagine what we can do with an extra \$100,000. Education, public awareness of coastal marine issues, research, reefs and habitat projects, as well as other conservation programs will benefit from the license tag initiative.

The highly visible tag will generate additional exposure throughout the state, and that will assist in building membership. Since the tag announcement last month there has been as much response from non-CCA members as there has been from members of CCA Alabama. That tells me we could experience a surge in membership as awareness builds when the tags begin to show up around the state. That will occur as soon as we get 1,000 commitments.

In order to speed up the commitment process, CCA's license tag committee worked with Forrest Long at Bluewater Yachts to come up with an outstanding incentive for people to purchase the license plate quickly. The first 1,000 people who sign up for the new tag will have their names placed in a drawing for a new Blazer Bay 19-1/2-foot bay boat with a 115 hp 4-stroke Yamaha engine and an aluminum trailer. That's right. Somebody's going to win a new Blazer Bay with all the trimmings.

We'll be taking the boat around the state over the next few months, showing prospective purchasers what they might be fishing out of very soon.

We've placed an application for the new tag in this issue of Undercurrents. Please clip it out, fill it in, and send it to the state headquarters. And please do it quickly. As soon as we receive 1,000 applications we'll have the drawing for the bay boat and you'll begin seeing the tags on vehicles around the state. Be the first kid on your block to get one!

ED WILLIAMSON,
Executive Director
CCA Alabama



about our cover

Tarpon Rise, watercolor and pastel by Larry Rackley, saltwater angler.

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Teenager's Tip Leads to Gill Net Bust

A young Alabama teenager recently got fed up with illegal gill netters wiping out the speckled trout in his favorite fishing spot, so when he saw the violators making a "set" he called the CCA hotline number to the Department of Marine Resources enforcement unit. Within the hour the officers were on the case, and the result was a bust that included 35 illegally caught speckled trout.

The young man's family has asked that his identity not be revealed for safety reasons, but he will be rewarded by a CCA member who has graciously donated a rod and reel to be given as a thank you for the youngster's dedication to conservation.

CCA's hotline number is available to all those who participate in Coastwatch, an educational program developed by the Department of Conservation and CCA Alabama. The program is designed to inform citizens of the rules and regulations governing marine fisheries, both recreational and commercial. At the conclusion of the 4-hour course, participants receive a manual covering the applicable laws, complete with maps showing areas closed to commercial fishing at various times during the year.

To inquire about holding a Coastwatch program in your area contact CCA Alabama: 251-478-3474 / ccabama@aol.com



Birmingham Scholarship Winners

CCA's Birmingham chapter awards three scholarships annually to marine science students who want

to spend the summer at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, doing fisheries biology projects. The students, from Birmingham Southern, Samford, and UAB, each receive a \$1,000 stipend to help with the summer studies program. *This year's winners are (L to R - top) Tyler Brown, Birmingham Southern, Jessica Etling, UAB, and Rachel Gamble, from Samford University.*

Our cover artist

Larry Rackley, who lives in the Birmingham area, is an active and enthusiastic saltwater angler. When not working in his studio, Yellowfin Gallery, or out exhibiting his work, he spends a much time as possible in Orange Beach.

Larry has a unique way of blending mixed media such as watercolor, ink and pastels to create beautiful works of art. He created the artwork for CCA's event T-shirts for Birmingham's Crawfest, Lower Alabama's Spring Beach Party and the Mobile/Eastern Shore Spring Fling this year. Larry attended each event, sold his prints and other artwork, and he donated the entire proceeds to CCA Alabama.

There is a limited supply of those event T-shirts still available, so if you'd like one, contact the CCA state office. Larry's work can be viewed at www.yellowfingallery.com

Big Redfish!!!

RIGHT: Four-year-old Win Lamberth is proud of a redfish he caught in early July while fishing with his dad Edwin Lamberth. Win is a New Tide member. New Tide is a CCA children's program that features a quarterly newsletter, The Rising Tide, written for children under 14 years of age. Members also receive an iron-on T-shirt transfer and redfish & trout stickers. New Tide membership dues are \$10 per year.



Closing in on Gill Net Ban

GRASSROOTS EFFORTS MOVE US CLOSER TO GOAL

By EDWIN LAMBERTH



CCA Alabama's dogged efforts to end gill netting in Alabama waters have finally paid off. During this legislative term, CCA Alabama achieved the passage of legislation that will end all gill netting in Alabama waters.

CCA Alabama has fought for years in the Alabama legislature to end gill netting and enact other measures designed to protect our marine resources. Former chapter president Dan Dumont recalls the beginnings of the chapter's campaign to end gill netting.

"In 1995, I went to the legislature essentially by myself, with a shoestring budget, trying to ride the coattails of our neighbor Florida, which had just completed a successful gill net ban campaign," he said.

The State of Florida provided an inspirational example of the possible with its passage of a constitutional amendment banning gill nets in 1994. Like many things in fisheries management, Dumont quickly found that goal was easier said than done.

In 1995, CCA Alabama faced staunch opposition. Commercial fishers had a front row seat to what happened in Florida and knew they had to dig in their heels to hold the line. CCA Alabama was unable to obtain a complete ban on gill nets that year, but the chapter got some pieces in place to protect Alabama's marine resources for years to come. The compromise legislation that resulted from the original net ban bill placed

income requirements on gill netters, increased penalties for violations, and codified stricter gill net fishing rules, including closures of certain waters. The income restrictions, which required that netters make 50 percent of their income from commercial fishing in Alabama waters resulted in a drastic reduction in fishing effort. It also prevented the 5,000 displaced Florida gill net fishermen from entering the Alabama fishery. In just a few years, the number of gill net licenses issued by the State of Alabama fell from more than 600 to just over 100. Just as importantly, the legislation also reaffirmed game fish status for speckled trout, redfish and tarpon.

With that legislation in place, CCA Alabama continued to sharpen its strategy. After 1995, the chapter continued the push for more commercial and recreational gill net fishing restrictions. Members achieved the closure of more waters to gill net fishing and implemented additional restrictions on the allowable areas and methods. The chapter also began to monitor the health of Alabama's fishery with the guidance of Dr. Bob Shipp, chairman of the Department of Marine Sciences at the University of South Alabama. Dr. Shipp is a former CCA Alabama director, is currently CCA Alabama's Chairman of Marine Resources, and is a world-renowned fisheries scientist. As the new century dawned, scientists like Dr. Shipp began to notice a "localized depletion" of certain species of fish in Alabama waters.

For example, although Alabama has only 4 percent of the

Gulf of Mexico's coastline, 50 percent of the Spanish mackerel were being commercially harvested by gill nets each year in state waters. That tremendous toll was felt and numerous anglers and guides expressed their frustration. Cities along Alabama's coast, dependent on tourism and a healthy fishery, began to explore the negative impacts of gill net fishing with considerably more interest.

Under the guidance of its volunteer leadership and armed with its experience in the 1995 gill net fight, CCA Alabama was in a perfect position to channel this new momentum. In 2006, CCA Alabama Government Relations Committee Chairman Manning McPhillips formed a team to make another legislative push to ban gill nets.

McPhillips was by no means new to CCA. He was a founder of CCA Alabama (the first chapter outside of Texas), and former chairman and president. He had also worked with Dumont in 1995 on the original gill net ban legislation. Relying on its past experience, CCA Alabama retained lobbyists and developed a grassroots network of members who could come to Montgomery or call upon legislators if necessary.

CCA Alabama felt prepared for the fight that was to come.

That legislative effort was set against the interesting, and maddening, backdrop of modern Alabama politics. Over the last several years, the Alabama Legislature has devolved into lengthy, partisan power struggles, worse than politics at the federal level. Alabama political fighting has risen, or sunk, to new levels recently, including an infamous occasion when one senator literally punched another in the mouth.

This embedded political bitterness has wasted valuable legislative days and virtually guaranteed that no controversial bills can proceed as any single legislator can kill a bill in the last few days of the session under procedural rules.

Despite promises from legislators for greater civility, 2007 was no different. The end result was that in order to move CCA Alabama's gill net bill, it was watered down, beat down, gutted and distorted beyond recognition. It became impossible for CCA Alabama to accept the end result and the bill died in the Senate.

Disappointed but not deterred, CCA Alabama surveyed the board and came back with a revised strategy in 2008. Recognizing the need for greater member input and assistance, Chairman Grey Cane expanded the Government Relations

Committee and worked to engage the chapter's grassroots foundation.

"We needed to expand our membership, expand our committees, and get more folks involved."

The more people get involved, the more they feel committed to the causes of the organization, and the more we can hear and do what our members want," Cane said.

Cane also authorized the creation of new tools for the chapter, including electronic political communications systems that could be used to quickly inform the membership and other conservationists on the status of the legislation, or send a request for recipients to contact legislators promptly. Under guidance from McPhillips, the chapter again built a strong legislative team to work for conservation-minded anglers in Montgomery.

The 2008 legislative session opened with a new spirit of cooperation. CCA Alabama introduced its gill net ban legislation first in the Senate and then in the House with great hope and high expectations. However, the spirit of cooperation in the Senate quickly evaporated and the two parties again engaged in a lengthy power struggle, consuming 25 of the 30 legislative days.

When the CCA bill finally came up for a vote in the Senate, one senator filibustered.

That night, the CCA machine kicked in. The emails went out, telephone calls were made, the membership from across the state got involved, and by morning, legislators, including the filibustering senator, had received hundreds, if not thousands of telephone calls from CCA members and saltwater anglers. It was truly an impressive event to witness. By evening, the filibustering senator folded and the gill net ban bill passed the Senate.

With only three days left on the legislative calendar, however, it was too late to have any controversial bill passed in the House. CCA Alabama was faced with a choice: walk away and come back next year, or try to reach a compromise with the opposition and pass an amended bill.

Although the chapter leadership felt the odds were fairly

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2008 Recreational Red Snapper



CCA Life Membership Roster Continues to Grow

Life members play an important role in the mission of CCA Alabama. They are willing to invest in the future of Alabama's marine resources beyond the level of regular membership, and they are willing to show their commitment by making a significant contribution to the organization that will be used entirely for marine conservation projects in the state.

Life members receive a lifetime subscription to TIDE magazine, CCA's award winning publication devoted to marine conservation, the state newsletter Undercurrents, a distinctive desk cube with CCA logo imbedded in it, a life member decal, and one of CCA's signed and numbered conservation prints. Additionally, life members receive recognition in state publications and a CCA Alabama Columbia fishing shirt with "Life Member" embroidered on the sleeve.

Life membership dues are tax deductible (\$900), and they may be paid in quarterly installments.

Contact the CCA state office for additional details of this important program. CCA Alabama's life membership list now totals more than 100.

Florida Waters/out to 9nm

Season: April 15 - October 31

Size: 16i total length

2 per person per day

Charter: Capt & crew fish prohibited

June 1st: venting tool, de-hooker, and non-stainless steel circle hooks

Federal Waters/9nm out to 200nm

Season: June 1 - August 5

Size: 16i total length

Charter: Capt & crew fish prohibited

June 1st: venting tool, de-hooker tool, and non-stainless steel circle hooks

Closed Areas for all reef fish:

Madison Swanson corner points -

NW 29-17N 085-50W

NE 29-17N 085-38W

SE 29-06N 085-38W

SW 29-06N 085-50W

Steamboat Lumps corner points -

NW 28-14N 084-48W

NE 28-14N 084-37W

SE 28-03N 084-37W

SW 28-03N 084-48W

Frequently asked questions:

Q. Can I catch red snapper in Federal waters out of season, but within the Florida season?

A. No. Fishing for or possession of red snapper out of season is considered poaching and is a violation of 50 CFR 622.7(p).

Q. Can I possess red snapper in Florida waters within the season and transport them to Alabama waters while Federal waters are out of season?

A. No. That is a violation of the Lacey Act 16 USC 3372 because Alabama waters (3nm) are the same as Federal waters.

Q. Where can I buy a venting tool, de-hooker tool, and non-stainless circle hooks?

A. Any fishing tackle shop should carry all required equipment.

Q. Do I need a Florida fishing license to fish in Federal waters?

No, but you do need to have the license if you plan to enter Florida waters with red snapper to avoid violating the Lacey Act.

Q. Can I spear red snapper?

As long as it's within the appropriate season and the fish is greater than the minimum size and within the bag limit.

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Prepared by: USCG Sector Mobile, AL, Enforcement Division 251.441.5419

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*This is not a legal document and knowledge of all fisheries rules and regulations rely upon the fisherman by staying prudently informed.
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CCA Approves Climate Change Statement

With a sense of responsibility for conservation concerns, and in response to requests from other conservation organizations, CCA has formulated a statement of policy on the issue of climate change. The Executive Board approved the statement at its meeting in on June 21 in Houston.

The official position statement reads as follows: "CCA is concerned about the possible adverse impact of any significant environmental change, including climate change, that could adversely impact the health and sustainability of marine fish stocks. CCA supports research that explores these changes and their potential consequences, as well as the appropriate management measures necessary to properly address them.

good that another run at the legislature could obtain a total net ban, the uncertainty inherent in the way the legislature does business cast doubt on those prospects. Having obtained a significant victory in the Senate, it was decided to solidify those gains and negotiate. As a result, the chapter took a huge step towards its ultimate goal of eliminating a destructive fishing practice and, in the meantime, implemented significant conservation measures for the state's marine resources.

The bill that was hammered out in negotiations establishes a system to retire all commercial and recreational gill net licenses issued by the State of Alabama through a multi-step process.

First, the bill prevents the issuance of any new gill net licenses and bans the transfer of any gill net license by a licensee to another person. Second, it phases out existing license-holders by requiring that the license end at the licensee's death or retirement. Third, it provides a financial incentive to license-holders to surrender their license. Those who choose to surrender their license receive compensation based on their reported landings as follows: (1) \$6,000 for any license-holder reporting \$5,000 of gross landings or less; (2) 200 percent of gross landings for any license-holder who reported gross landings of more than \$5,000 but equal to or less than \$20,000; and (3) 125 percent of gross landings for any license-holder or reported \$20,000 or more in gross landings. Any netter surrendering his or her commercial license may also receive two years of tuition at a state college or university. The same phase-out system applies to recreational gill net license-holders, except that they cannot apply for compensation. The buy-out for commercial netters will be paid for by a surcharge of up to \$8 on all saltwater fishing licenses.

Contrary to the beliefs of some and an article in the Mobile Press-Register, the bill does not guarantee that commercial or recreational gill netters can engage in gill net fishing for the rest of their lives. For commercial fisherman, the bill requires that the license-holder prove, each and every year that he renews his license, that he makes more than 50 percent of his income from commercial fishing. This requirement alone has weeded out hundreds of gill net license-holders over the years. If the commercial license-holder fails to prove the income requirements, his permit is retired without compensation, and he is not eligible for any new gill netting license. Further, any

commercial or recreational license-holder who inadvertently fails to renew their license, loses that permit and is not eligible for another license. Also, any license-holder who loses their license because of fishing violations loses that license for life and is no longer eligible for another license.

The bill also increases penalties for gill net fishing violations. The bill increases fines for those violations. It also provides for the forfeiture of a gill net license for any person caught selling gamefish (speckled trout, redfish, or tarpon). After forfeiture of the license, the violator is not eligible for another gill net license.

Finally, the bill immediately retires all non-resident licenses and prevents any non-resident from providing a boat, motor, net or other fishing equipment to an in-state resident to engage in gill net fishing.

As of this writing, it appears that the voluntary buyout program will reduce the commercial gill net licenses by as much as 70 percent, and perhaps more. If true, Alabama would have only 20-30 commercial gill net license-holders, and even those licenses will be phased out over time, resulting in an elimination of this destructive fishing practice

Additionally, CCA Alabama is pursuing numerous regulatory proposals at the Alabama Department of Conservation, including the designation of Spanish mackerel and pompano as game fish, a requirement that all gill nets be made of biodegradable material, closure of certain nursery areas to gill net fishing, and closure of Alabama's Gulf waters to commercial gill netting. (Due to CCA Alabama's efforts, Gulf waters are already closed to recreational gill netting.)

The legislation and the regulatory proposals are excellent steps, but do not signify the end of the game. This latest legislative fight has "energized the base," as they say in politics, and driven home the importance of electronic communications, expanded state committees, life membership drives, and organized grassroots efforts. CCA Alabama has developed a "grassroots machine" that, as former Chairman McPhillips has said, "is well-poised to take us into the future stronger than we have ever been before."

In short, the CCA model is working. Using this model, CCA will continue its efforts to protect our marine resource. We hope you will be there for the fight.

Edwin Lamberth is a resident of Mobile, Alabama, and is the current secretary of CCA Alabama and chairman of the Government Relations Committee.

Red Snappers and State's Rights

By BOB SHIPP

Even if you weren't an avid recreational fisherman, you'd have to live in a cave not to know there's a "snapper war" raging in full force. And the ancient issue of "state's rights" has become the battlefield.

This is the sequence of events, and a couple of scenarios as to what might be the battle's outcome.

First, federal law requires that fish stocks that are overfished must have their harvest constrained, and the stocks must be rebuilt. The National Marine Fisheries Service has declared that red snapper stocks are overfished. This is based on computer models that use a variety of data sources. Although many scientists, especially along the north central Gulf, believe the model projections are inaccurate and based on flawed data, nevertheless these are considered best available science, and require the Fishery Councils to rebuild the stocks.

To do so, we have experienced continual constraints on the catches. And this fishing year, 2008, the quota was reduced to the point where the snapper season was reduced to about five months with a two fish bag limit.

But here's where the state's rights issue kicked in. Florida and Texas, which have a nine mile territorial sea, said "enough's enough." They decided that they would not abide by the federal mandate, and they were going to keep their season open regardless. This meant that those two states were taking an additional chunk out of the quota. This resulted in a further shortening of the season for federal waters to June 1 to August 5. And for Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, which only have a territorial sea extending out 3 miles, this has become their season.

So in effect the Florida-Texas decision has cost Alabama dearly. And what can be done to make this right for our snapper fishery? One method is pre-emption, where the federal government steps in and forces the states to abide by the federal regulations. But this could get messy, with all sorts of litigious possibilities, and perhaps a drawn out time frame. Another outcome would be to convince Florida and Texas to abide by the overall quota next year. The word I get is there's some chance Florida might, but not likely Texas. And if Texas doesn't go along, Florida probably wouldn't either. So we'd be left with this same situation next year.

But perhaps there is a silver lining. The economic pressures of this are drawing



governors and congressmen into the fray. Too long has the science behind the models suffered from lack of funding and faulty surveys. In addition, the Act that has mandated these quotas is far too restrictive in the required time frame. If a stock is rebuilding, why can't it take a few extra years to do it if it would prevent devastating economic impacts? There may well be enough political pressure building to develop a more rational solution. And we need to keep the pressure on.

And for us in Alabama, where we have created prime habitat that has created a tremendous snapper population, why should our recreational snapper fishery, both charter and private, be penalized for actions elsewhere? Perhaps it's time for a more regional approach to snapper management.

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Bob is chairman of the Department of Marine Sciences at the University of South Alabama, and vice chair of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. He also serves as a science consultant to Alabama CCA

The NEW CCA Alabama Saltwater Fishing Tag



Be one of the first to have a new Alabama "SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE PLATE" being offered by the state of Alabama to generate funds to support conservation efforts on Alabama's coast. The cost of the tag is \$50, with \$42 of the sale of the tag coming back to the CCA. That means if 5,000 tags are sold this year, CCA Alabama will receive \$210,000 to go towards any projects currently supported or any in the future we would like to pursue. The first 1,000 people to fill out a pre-commitment form will be entered into a complimentary drawing for a brand new Blazer Bay boat and trailer powered by a 115 hp 4-stroke engine.



The new CCA Alabama tag:

- Provides financial support to conservation programs utilized on Alabama's Gulf to study fisheries.
- Generates significant funding for CCA Alabama to increase education, research and public awareness in preserving our resources on Alabama's coast.
- Gives CCA Alabama additional exposure throughout the state to assist in building membership with this attractive design.

To sign up for the beautiful CCA Alabama tag, you can fill out a Power of Attorney and mail it to CCA Alabama with a check for \$50 payable to CCA Alabama, you can stop by the CCA Alabama headquarters to pick up a form, or you can visit your county courthouse to pre-register for the tag—ask for the "SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE PLATE". We urge you to spread the word about the new tag and we hope that every member of CCA Alabama can be responsible for the sale of at least one license plate.

Please also provide the following here:

Your name _____

Your best contact # _____

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STATE OF Alabama

COUNTY OF [REDACTED]

Date: [REDACTED]

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 of 3168 Midtown Park South Mobile, Alabama NAME 36606 Zip
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as my attorney-in-fact to sign my name and do all things necessary for the purpose(s) of: *(Owner shall initial each purpose for which appointment intended)*

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- completing assignment of title to transfer my ownership to the transferee,
- to receive my certificate of title,
- to register and to purchase license plate,
- other purpose, describe: _____

for my motor vehicle described as follows:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me
on Date above stated.

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My commission expires:

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Signature of Appointee: [REDACTED]
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If a business firm or corporation is appointed, the signature shall be of an authorized representative of the firm who will perform as attorney-in-fact for the owner.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Any alterations or strikeovers shall void this Power of Attorney. *Original signatures are required on all Power of Attorneys.*

LEGAL NOTICE: A person acting for the motor vehicle owner under this Power of Attorney should be aware of the statute under the *Alabama Uniform Certificate of Title and Antitheft Act* as follows: **Code of Alabama 1975, §32-8-11.** "Aiding, abetting, etc., in violations. A person who, whether present or absent, aids, abets, induces, procures or causes the commission of an act which if done directly by him, would be a felony or a misdemeanor under provisions of this chapter, is guilty of the same felony or misdemeanor. (Acts 1973, No. 765, p. 1147, §43.)"

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Phone () _____

E-mail _____

PLEASE CHECK:

New Membership _____

Gift Membership _____

Renewal Dues _____

\$25 **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:** Membership card, window decal, bumper sticker, color patch, TIDE magazine.

\$100 **PRINT MEMBERSHIP:** All of the above plus a CCA print of your choice.

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