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ANNUAL REPORT

STATE: NEW JERSEY
PROJECT NO.: 3-IJ-50-01
AWARD NO.: NA16F10223 - 01
PROJECT TITLE: INTERJURISDICTIONAL FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT
PERIOD COVERED: MAY 1, 1992 TO APRIL 30, 1993

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PROJECT NARRATIVE

Time expenditures for the Inerjurisdictional fisheries Enforcement Project by the Marine Enforcement Unit increased 590 hours over the 1991/92 figures to a total of 1,671 hours. Summer flounder, surf clam, lobster and scallop enforcement lead the way with lesser amounts of time being utilized on winter flounder, scallop and tuna regulations. The cooperative effort between the State of New Jersey, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the United States Coast Guard was once again effective. The Coast Guard provided helicopter and boat support, while NMFS personnel and New Jersey Conservation officers provided training and resource enforcement expertise.

Helicopter and boat patrols were directed at on water enforcement of surf clam, summer and winter flounder, striped bass, and lobster laws and regulations. In order to ensure compliance random, unanticipated inspections at sea are necessary. To accomplish this type of inspection, use of the Coast Guard helicopter is imperative. More than 35 such patrols were conducted, which resulted in 22 state and/or federal violations.

Main areas of concentration this year were in the surf clam, lobster, striped bass and summer flounder fisheries. Surf clam violations included fishing in state and federal waters on the same day, failing to call in prior to fishing, and failure to tag cages of surf clams. Lobster violations centered around the landing of sub-legal whole lobsters, sub-legal lobster parts and dumping. Striped bass violations dealt with illegal methods of harvest, sublegal fish; and over the limit. Summer flounder enforcement covered sublegal fish, net mesh regulations inspections and closed season landings.

The following list indicates inspections and boardings by vessel type and violation by fisheries.

INSPECTIONS OR BOARDINGS:

Otter trawl vessels	126
Lobster pot vessels	66
Surf clam vessels	51
Scallop vessels	15
Gill net vessels	36
Recreational fishing vessels	693
Retail seafood dealers	89

APPREHENSIONS:

Surf clam	16
Lobster	11
Otter trawl	17
Striped Bass	27
Retail Seafood dealers	7
Summer Flounder	167

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Grantee: NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FISH, GAME & WILDLIFE

Project No: 3-IJ-50-2

Grant No: NA16FI0223-02

Project Title: INTERJURISDICTIONAL FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT

Period Covered: 05/01/93 - 04/30/94

Prepared by: EDWARD MARKOWSKI

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

Statutory Funding Authority: Anadromous Fish Conservation Act
(P.L. 89-304)

Chesapeake Bay Studies

Endangered Species Act

X Interjurisdictional Fisheries
Act (Title III of P.L. 99-659)

Magnuson Act

Oyster Disease Research

Saltonstall-Kennedy

Unallied Industry Projects

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INTERJURISDICTIONAL FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT
PROJECT QUARTERLY REPORT

MAY 1, 1993 to JUNE 30, 1993

Project Narrative

Enforcement efforts during this quarter were centered around striped bass and fluke enforcement because of regulation changes and introduction of a Fluke Management Plan. Surf clams and lobsters were also targeted to a lesser extent during this period.

Inspections & Boardings:

Otter trawl vessels	31
Lobster pot "	9
Surf clam "	22
Scallop "	6
Gill net "	26
Recreational fishing vessels	226
Retail seafood dealers	24

Apprehensions:

Surf clam	4
Lobster	1
Otter trawl	4
Striped bass	16
Retail seafood dealers	3
Summer flounder	83

INTERJURISDICTIONAL FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT
PROJECT QUARTERLY REPORT

JULY 1, 1993 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1993

Project Narrative

Enforcement efforts during the Second Quarter targeted fluke, otter trawl and striped bass enforcement. Problems developed with the use of small mesh nets to take fluke in both State and federal waters.

Inspections & boardings:

Otter trawl vessels	26
Lobster pot "	11
Surf clam "	29
Scallop "	9
Gill net "	11
Recreational fishing vessels	461
Retail seafood dealers	16

Apprehensions:

Surf clam	2
Lobster	0
Otter trawl	7
Striped bass	6
Retail seafood dealers	3
Summer flounder	262

INTERJURISDICTIONAL FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT
PROJECT QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 1993 to January 31, 1994

Project Narrative

Enforcement efforts during the Third Quarter once again centered around fluke with the close of both the commercial and recreational seasons. Weakfish also made a surprise showing in the Delaware Bay and Raritan/Sandy Hook Bays late in the year. Problems of over the limit and sub-legal fish were noted. Fall and early winter striped bass work centered in Cape May County with excellent catches up to the second week of December. January marked the opening of our second commercial fluke season and operations were conducted to ensure both State and federal compliance.

Inspections & Boardings:

Otter trawl vessels	12
Lobster pot "	0
Surf clam "	11
Scallop "	3
Gill net "	17
Recreational Fishing vessels	221
Retail seafood dealers	20

Apprehensions:

Surf clam	0
Lobster	0
Otter trawl	3
Striped bass	8
Retail seafood dealers	2
Summer flounder	7
Weakfish	19

INTERJURISDICTIONAL FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT
PROJECT QUARTERLY REPORT

FEBRUARY 1, 1994 TO APRIL 30, 1994

Project Narrative

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Surf clam "	27
Scallop "	7
Gill net "	19
Recreational fishing vessels	207
Retail seafood dealers	17

Apprehensions:

Surf clam	3
Lobster	0
Otter trawl	4
Striped bass	11
Retail seafood dealers	0
Fluke/summer flounder	4
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PROJECT YEAR ENDING REPORT
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Lobster pot "	24
Surf clam "	89
Scallop "	25
Gill net "	73
Recreational fishing vessels	1115
Retail seafood dealers	77

Apprehensions:

Surf clam	9
Lobster	1
Otter trawl	18
Striped bass	41
Retail seafood dealers	8
Summer flounder	356
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COMPLETION REPORT



Grantee: NEW JERSEY

Project No: 3-IJ-50-3

Grant No: NA16FI0223-03

Project Title: INTERJURISDICTIONAL FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT

Period Covered: MAY 01, 1994 - APRIL 30, 1995

Prepared by: FRED SNYDER

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

Statutory Funding Authority: Anadromous Fish Conservation Act
(P.L. 89-304)

- ☐ Chesapeake Bay Studies
- ☐ Endangered Species Act
- ☒ Interjurisdictional Fisheries
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- ☐ Magnuson Act
- ☐ Oyster Disease Research
- ☐ Saltonstall-Kennedy
- ☐ Unallied Industry Projects
- ☐ Unallied Science Projects

**INTERJURISDICTIONAL FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT
PROJECT SUMMARY
MAY 1, 1994 TO APRIL 30, 1995**

PROJECT NARRATIVE:

During this collective period, enforcement efforts concentrated primarily on otter trawl and gill net fisheries and on summer flounder, weakfish, and striped bass. Enforcement officers during this period encountered significant frustration from commercial gill netters about the lack of a commercial striped bass season. Without a substantial enforcement presence in traditional gill net areas, large scale violations probably would have occurred.

INSPECTIONS AND BOARDINGS:

OTTER TRAWL	57
SCALLOPS VESSELS	10
RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS	17
LOBSTER VESSELS	22
SURF CLAM VESSELS	27
GILL NET VESSELS	40

APPREHENSIONS:

SURF CLAMS	0
LOBSTER VESSELS	7
OTTER TRAWL VESSELS	21
STRIPED BASS	58
RETAIL SEAFOOD DEALERS	7
SUMMER FLOUNDER	183
WEAKFISH	92

END