



Tag & Release Committee

Bill Sosnicki, Chairman

Catch a tagged striper?

by **Capt. Al Anderson**



Here in southern New England, chances are the fish will bear a tag from either the ALS, the HRF, or the USFWS. Their contact info is listed below.

RECORD THE:

1. The tag number
2. The date the fish was caught
3. The fish's total length and (est.) weight
4. The location of recapture
5. Whether or not it was released with tag intact
6. Any other pertinent comments such as fish condition

AGENCY CONTACT INFO

American Littoral Society
18 Hartshorne Dr., Suite 1, Highlands, NJ 07732
(732) 291-0055 • www.littoralsociety.org

Hudson River Foundation
P.O. Box 1731, GCS, New York, NY 10163
(212) 924-8290 • www.hudsonriver.org

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1825 Virginia St., Annapolis, MD 2140
1 (800) 448-8322 • www.fws.gov

Following notification of your recapture, the tagging agency will send you a report as to when, where, and who initially tagged the fish, along with length and weight details. Some agencies issue small monetary rewards, a recapture report suitable for framing, as well as the chance to win a valuable monetary lottery drawing.

"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles."

--Doug Larsen



U.S. Coast Guard ends LORAN-C

Effective February 8, 2010, the U.S. Coast Guard has terminated U.S. LORAN-C signals.

As a result of technological advancements during the last 20 years and the emergence of the U.S. Global Positioning System (GPS), LORAN-C is no longer required by the armed forces, the transportation sector or the nation's security interests, and is used by only a small segment of the population.

President Barack Obama's fiscal year 2010 budget supported the termination of outdated systems and specifically cited the terrestrial-based North American LORAN-C system as such an example.

The Coast Guard strongly urges mariners currently using LORAN-C for navigation to shift to a GPS navigation system and become familiar with its operation as soon as possible. Mariners will not be able to rely upon LORAN-C for navigation as of February 8th, 2010.

LORAN-C was not established as, nor was it intended to be, a viable systemic backup for GPS. If a single, domestic national system to back up GPS is identified as being necessary, the Department of Homeland Security will complete an analysis of potential backups to GPS. The continued active operation of LORAN-C is not necessary to advance this evaluation.

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