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- LNG Veto! The fight to protect continues with the COZ!
- Fishermen's Dock Cooperative, Inc.
- Volunteer Trainings scheduled for March!

## March 2011 Highlights

Governor Christie delivers veto victory over LNG project--work continues to protect the Bight with the COZ!

NY/NJ Bight "Bit-"

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 1: Earth Share Celebrates!**  
- Laurita Winery  
- 7-10p.m  
- \$45/person, \$50 at the door

**April 30: Spring Beach Sweeps**  
- Over 70 locations in NJ  
- 9a.m.- 12p.m.  
- More information online!

**May 7: Ted Shred's Bike Race**  
- Sandy Hook  
- \$10/entry  
- Afterparty to follow

**May 22: Family Beach Ball**  
- Ship Ahoy Beach Club  
- 3-7p.m.  
- Tickets available online

### Our COALition

Featuring...

**Fishermen's Dock Cooperative, Inc.**

Commercial fishing in New Jersey is a multi-billion dollar industry. The industry depends

on a clean ocean, and the Fishermen's Dock Cooperative in Point Pleasant Beach has been an active participant in the fight against ocean pollution since COA's early days.

The Co-op is one of two active fishing cooperatives in NJ. The fleet's fishing activities are primarily in local waters of the NY/NJ Bight. While most of the Co-op members' harvests are sold to wholesale markets in the Mid-Atlantic States and Southern New England, a significant amount makes its way directly to the seafood market and restaurant adjacent to the dock on Channel Drive.

Recognizing the relationship between clean water and their livelihood as commercial fishermen, Co-op members have taken action against proposals to dump harmful materials in the ocean and continue to be a champion for the ocean through their efforts to stop the Liquefied Natural Gas proposals and support the Clean Ocean Zone.

"It's been an honor working with Clean Ocean Action for over 20 years, stopping the dumping of sludge and contaminated dredge spoils, burning barges, and now the ill-conceived LNG projects," said Captain Jimmy Lovgren, a member of the Co-op's Board of Trustees. "The commitment of the coalition members toward a clean ocean environment gives me hope," added Mr. Lovgren.

For more information, call the Co-op at 732-899-1872 or stop by 57 Channel Drive in Pt. Pleasant Beach.



### Governor Christie Rescues Ocean: Vetoes Liberty Natural Gas Project!

February was a great month for the ocean! As promised, Governor Christie vetoed the ill-fated, ill-advised, ill-conceived Liberty Natural Gas project that sought to industrialize the ocean by constructing an import facility for foreign liquefied natural gas.

The Governor made good on the promise made during his campaign and affirmed at his first Earth Day message last year. Promising to defend the ocean from any harmful industrialization, the Governor vowed to reject any liquefied natural gas terminal and offshore oil and gas drilling operations.

The ocean is the backbone of our state's economy, it sustains and supports a multi-billion dollar tourism industry, provides endless hours of enjoyment on the beach and in the sea, and hosts a rich diversity of marine life. If we abuse it and put it in harms way our economy and way of life will diminish and ultimately collapse.

Governor Christie recognizes this connection to the sea, and has spent his first year putting actions into place that will help restore and improve the marine environment. Governor Christie's decision was decisive, and sends a clear message to those who seek to do harm to the ocean and threaten our state's jobs and economy—you are not welcome here.

This victory over LNG was a hard win, a battle that lasted nearly four years, and was supported by the tireless efforts of thousands of citizens, over 80

organizations, 24 towns, and elected leaders from across the state. It proves once again, that people power works.

Following the announcement that the public hearings had been cancelled, COALition members raised their glasses and celebrated thanks to Tim McCloone, who generously donated his oceanfront view, drinks and snacks at the Pier House in Long Branch.

The next step, now that this latest battle is over, is to call upon our federal officials to step up and act to permanently protect our waters. They

must pass federal legislation permanently protect our ocean waters off the New Jersey and New York coast from these and other types of harmful activities by making it a Clean Ocean Zone.

Clean Ocean Action will keep you informed of developments. You can stay connected by reading our blog and regularly visiting our website at [www.cleanoceanaction.org](http://www.cleanoceanaction.org).



NY Coalition Members celebrate with news that the hearings were cancelled!



Sweet Success! NO LNG cookies made by Barbara Bennett and Kathleen Gasinica

## SCIENCE & POLICY NEWS

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### LEGISLATION PROTECTS BARNEGAT BAY!

Governor Christie proposed changes to a bill that had been passed by the legislature to reduce nutrient pollution to Barnegat Bay. The bill requires the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to develop a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the bay. A TMDL is a regulatory tool under the Clean Water Act that establishes procedures to reduce pollution.

The changes in the conditional veto clarified actions to ensure pollution reduction to the Barnegat Bay over the short- and long-term. The modified bill would require that a TMDL be developed and implemented within five years with the DEP immediately beginning work on it. The changes extended the previous development deadline which was reasonable, and added an important implementation requirement. The bill now includes commitments to establish standards to target pollution sources and continues to mandate that the DEP use its existing authority to reduce nutrient and sediments entering the bay. Finally, the bill would require annual reports that detail accomplishments and plans for continued progress.

With the proposed changes, Governor Christie continues to build on his commitments made to the Barnegat Bay in his Comprehensive Plan of Action released in December 2010, and the marine environment.

### Looking Forward

In the first few months of 2011, COA has been collaborating with other environmental groups and agency officials from the state, local and federal level toward a cleaner ocean future.

Some of our program initiatives include:

- Working with the NJ DEP on Coastal Zone Management Act policies and procedures. The DEP is in the middle of an every-five-years review of how it handles development within the coastal zone, and COA has been involved with this review from the outset. We will be submitting comments on the proposed rules changes soon.

- Working with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) and the EPA on dredged material management plans, and on innovative science and technology for dredged material management. Based upon several successful meetings with the leaders of the region's ACE and EPA offices, we are looking forward to better dredging plans, more public participation, and cleaner rivers and harbors.

- Working with the NJ DEP's stakeholder participation initiative. COA staffers have attended several briefings and stakeholder "conversations" over the past 2 months hosted by the DEP to improve the pre-planning that goes into the development and re-adoption of state environmental rules and regulations. Recently, COA has been involved in stakeholder meetings on Compliance, Enforcement, Coastal Zone Programs, Water Quality, and Stormwater Management.

- COA is working to ensure Federal Agencies update citizens on the Liberty Natural Gas proposal as well as the withdrawal of the application.

## EDUCATION & ADVOCACY

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### HELP YOUR OCEAN: ATTEND A VOLUNTEER TRAINING



Interested in volunteering with Clean Ocean Action? Join us for one of our upcoming volunteer training sessions to learn about COA & current ocean threats, our volunteer opportunities, and what being a COA volunteer entails. Our volunteers are very important in our work to stop ocean pollution by informing hundreds of people throughout the state about current ocean threats and ways they can take action to help.

Please attend a volunteer update and training session near you. There are more dates and locations to come so please check out our website calendar of events for all the sessions.

Saturday, March 19 @ 1pm:  
Jakes Branch Nature Center, 1100 Double Trouble Rd,  
Beachwood

Wednesday, March 30 @ 6:30pm:  
Jenkinson's Aquarium, 300 Ocean Ave, Point Pleasant Beach

To sign up, please email Meg at [citizens@cleanoceanaction.org](mailto:citizens@cleanoceanaction.org) or call 732-872-0111.  
Hope to see you there!

Volunteers are also needed for the following upcoming events:  
March 12: Native Plant Society Meeting – COA Info Table, 10am-3:30pm, Medford, NJ  
March 25: Paddlesport 2011 – COA Info Table, 5-7:30pm, Somerset, NJ

### SEA SCENES FEATURING WESTON GALLERY

Weston Gallery of Manasquan, NJ continues to support COA's ocean protection work with the sale of "The Forever Beach Badge". Take the feeling of summer with you all year long and remember your favorite beach of New Jersey. The pendant is made in sterling silver or 14kt gold. The size is one inch. Weston Gallery also has a "Bucket of Beach" kit comes in pewter with all the necessary ingredients for a beach experience: sand, sea glass, shells, handmade pale and shovel, all in a cool box. "We feel it is important to give back to the oceanside that we all love," said Kathy Weston, owner of Weston Gallery. "We feel fortunate to be part of Clean Ocean Action."



Weston Gallery Employees Rachel Weston and Julie Angelicola

Contact Weston Gallery at 732-292-1664 or visit the gallery to see the jewelry at 79 Main Street in Manasquan, NJ 08736 or [www.westongalleries.com](http://www.westongalleries.com).

(Creature Feature and Sea Scenes appears every other month in the *Clean Ocean Advocate*.)

### CALLING ALL BEACH CAPTAINS!

With spring right around the corner, COA is gearing up for the 2011 Beach Sweeps! The 26th Annual Spring Beach Sweeps will be held on Saturday, April 30th, 2011 from 9:00am - 12:30pm.

Beach Sweeps would not be possible without our dedicated network of volunteer Beach Captains, who individually organize and lead each of the 70 locations. Beach Captains are responsible for the recruitment of volunteers, direction of participants during the event, and tabulation and submission of the volunteer-collected data.

Are you interested in becoming a Beach Captain? If so, attend one of the below Training Sessions to learn how.

**Wednesday March 23rd, 2011, 6:30 pm** at Margate Community Center, Margate NJ.

**Wednesday March 30th, 2011, 6:30 pm** at Jenkinson's Aquarium, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ

**Thursday March 31st, 2011, 6:30 pm** at COA Headquarters, Sandy Hook,

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Tavia Danch at [education@cleanoceanaction.org](mailto:education@cleanoceanaction.org).

## EVENTS

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**Friday, April 1, 7-10pm** ~ Laurita Winery, 35 Archertown Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533

Guests are invited to enjoy the sounds of Stringzville and participate in the eco friendly chance and silent auctions which feature exclusive environmental experiences, tickets to sports events/concerts/shows, and items from some of your favorite businesses across the state.

**Call 609-989-1160 or visit [www.earthsharenj.org](http://www.earthsharenj.org) for tickets.**

**Ted Shred's Original Surf Wax Candle Co. - Beach Cruiser Bike Race**



8K race throughout Gateway National Recreation Area at Sandy Hook \$10 donation to enter goes to support COA's ocean protection work  
Saturday, May 7th - Afterparty to follow