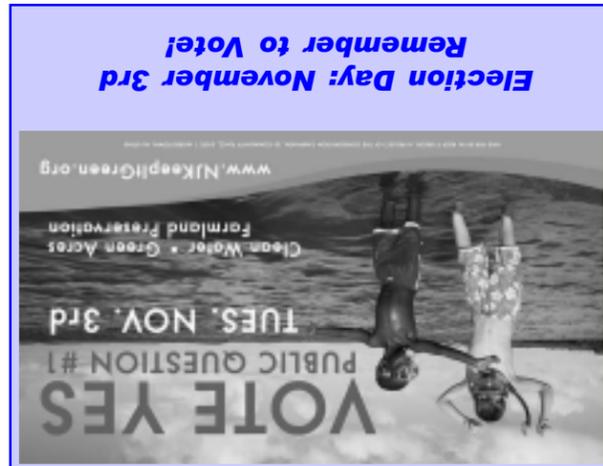




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November 2009 Highlights



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Featuring...

NJ Beach Buggy Association



NJBBA members show off their trash collected during COA's 2009 spring Beach Sweeps

The New Jersey Beach Buggy Association (NJBBA) is a statewide organization dedicated to the preservation of natural beach resources. Since 1954 the NJBBA has fought to preserve beach access for all beach users. The NJBBA not only builds protective fences and plants dune grasses to protect beaches, but they get involved with community leaders and other worthy organizations to keep beaches open for all types of uses.

Each year, NJBBA has two special needs children's events that enable less fortunate children to spend a day at the beach to learn about fishing and nature. They also are very active in the **Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs** Youth Fishing Program. In addition, NJBBA sponsors at least two "veterans fishing days" each year where disabled vets can enjoy a day of fishing and fun.

Every year, the New Jersey Beach Buggy Association participates in COA's spring Beach Sweep at Island Beach State Park. "This past year we had 13 members participate and we picked up one [pickup] truck load of trash" stated Paul Harris, NJBBA's president.

For more information about the New Jersey Beach Buggy Association and their various programs please visit their website at njbba.org.



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Christie Opposes LNG Import Terminals

On October 6, Chris Christie, Republican candidate for NJ governor, announced his opposition to the three proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) proposals off NJ. The industrial complexes are proposed to import foreign natural gas in a highly polluting method with great impacts to the ocean. Christie again emphasized this and other positions in a letter to COA on October 21 stating, "I would assure you that I do not support the introduction of LNG facilities into the New Jersey waters or the development of offshore drilling....On the other hand, I have enthusiastically supported the development of renewable energy to be one of our highest priorities, and I have been very clear about my commitment to green energies." Christie wrote that "preserving and protecting our coastline, as well as punishing corporate polluters who fouled our environment...will serve as a cornerstone of my Administration." Christie also called "for the adoption of greater protections from the nitrogen and phosphorous poisoning now occurring in Barnegat Bay." COA welcomes and applauds Christie's leadership on these issues, including LNG. Independent candidate Chris Daggett previously stated his opposition to LNG import terminals and Governor Jon Corzine supports the concept of LNG import terminals. Both Daggett and Christie also oppose an experimental proposal to build a coal burning fertilizer and energy plant in Linden, NJ, that includes a 100 mile pipeline to inject liquefied carbon emissions into the seafloor off the Jersey coast.

Monmouth County Freeholders Vote UNANIMOUSLY Against LNG

On October 22, the Monmouth County Freeholders voted unanimously in favor of a resolution opposing the construction of liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminals in the region. The resolution noted the increased pollution that foreign LNG results in rather than domestic natural gas, which is in abundance. The Freeholders vote followed a recommendation against LNG terminals by the Monmouth County Environmental Council. The resolution was introduced by Freeholder John D'Amico, who emphasized the ecological importance of the marine waters. Freeholder Rob Clifton was "very happy" to vote on what he saw as a "Slam Dunk" issue - opposing imports of foreign LNG. Freeholder Lillian Burry also expressed her support but questioned why Governor Corzine could support LNG. Freeholders Barbara McMorrow and Amy Mallet added their strong support in passing the resolution. COA applauds the leadership of the Freeholders who worked in a strong non-partisan effort to protect the public interest as well as the coastal environment and economy of Monmouth County.



Obama Nominates "Insanity Island" Staffer to "Key Administration Post"

On October 14, President Barack Obama announced his intent to nominate Atlantic Sea Island Group employee Jessie Roberson as a member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, a "key administration post." The Board is an independent federal agency that oversees the Department of Energy's (DOE) nuclear weapons complex. Roberson worked for President George W. Bush from 2000-2004. In 2009 she joined the Atlantic Sea Island Group, who proposes a man-made island off NY and NJ designed to import foreign liquefied natural gas (LNG). COA is troubled that President Obama would nominate a person who supports such an ill-conceived, environmentally and technologically fatally flawed project to such an important position.

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November 3, 2009
 - Election Day, Remember to Vote!

November 18, 2009
 - Ocean County SOA Kick-off,
 Ocean County College Campus
 (exact location TBD) 6:30 pm.

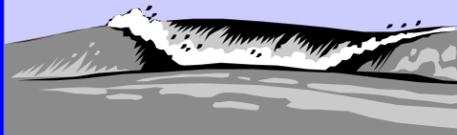
November 23, 2009
 - Monmouth County SOA Kick-off,
 Club Dining Hall, Magill Commons;
 Monmouth University; 6:00 pm.

Volunteer Opportunities

November 8, 2009
 - Pay It Forward Fair, 12 pm-4 pm,
 Farmingdale, NJ.

November 12, 2009
 - Green Fair, 10 am - 2 pm, College
 of St. Elizabeth, Morristown, NJ.

To sign-up, please contact
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Nassau County Legislator's Anti-LNG Taskforce



The Denenberg Taskforce Against the LNG Island was initiated by Nassau County Legislator Dave Denenberg, Chairman of the Planning, Development and Environment Committee. When Legislator Denenberg first learned of Atlantic Island Sea Group's Safe Harbor Energy proposal to build an LNG island off the shores of Long Island, he reached out to COA and became the first and only elected official in NY at the time to actively oppose this project and has been working closely with COA ever since. The Broadwater Project, an LNG platform that was proposed to be situated in Long Island Sound, had just been rejected by Governor Paterson. "If it's no good for the Sound, then it's no good for our ocean!" Leg. Denenberg exclaimed.

Denenberg held a press conference on the eve of the Long Beach hearing in January of 2009, which resulted in bringing 250 people to a meeting and media coverage of the hearing. He recruited Claudia Borecky and Beverly Visconti as co-chairs of the Denenberg Taskforce. The North Merrick Civic Association, Lido Beach Civic, the Freeport Tuna Club, the Long Beach City Council, the Sierra Club Long Island Group, LI Green, and several members of SPLASH soon joined in their campaign. Ms. Borecky and Ms. Visconti also chair **Yes We Can LI's LNG Island Committee**, which was instrumental in steering people to submit comments on NY's Draft Energy Plan. Legislator Denenberg's Taskforce also held a rally at a Farmingdale NY Energy Plan hearing, leading the opposition with a significant portion of the audience speaking out against LNG and coverage in Newsday and local papers.

"The oceans are the last of our open spaces," states Denenberg, who wrote Nassau County's Environmental Bond Act, which allows for the purchase and/or protection of open spaces. "The view from our beaches is the same view that has been seen by millions of people for thousands of years," adds Ms. Borecky. "It is our duty to protect and preserve our oceans for generations to come."

COA'S HOLIDAY WISHLIST

Help support COA's fall programming and beyond and consider donating one of the tools to help us navigate the waters of ocean advocacy.

- ➡ E-Z Up 10x10 Canopy Tent Donated
Waves of Thanks to Alyssa Scheffer of Rumson!
- ➡ Portable Tripod Projector Screen
- ➡ Electronic Credit Card Swiper
- ➡ Flip Video Digital Camcorder
- ➡ 10 Megapixels Digital Camera
- ➡ 10 X 10 Heavy Duty Rain Tent
- ➡ Fire Wire 800 Hard Drive 250 GB
- ➡ 18 Matching Conference Room Chairs (small)

Contact **Emily Hackett** to discuss donation specifics. We are requesting new or like new items. All donations are tax

CITIZEN ACTION

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A Day of Science at the Beach

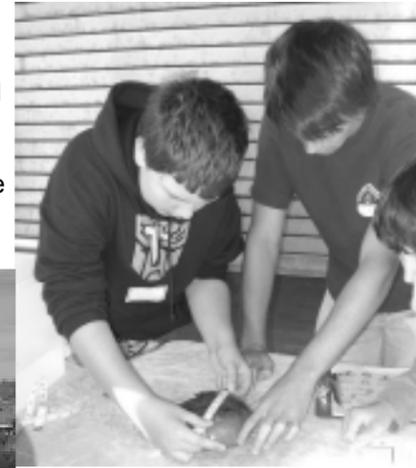
On October 8th, it was a beautiful day at the beach for the 21st Annual Fall Student Summit, held at Island Beach State Park. Over 270 middle school students from 12 southern NJ schools participated this year. The Student Summit is a chance for students to learn about their marine environment, the effects of ocean pollution, and how they can make a difference in their communities through workshops and field trips.

MATES Volunteers lead the "Project Terrapin" workshop, a program that raises awareness about the endangered Terrapin Turtle.



Special thanks to field trip leaders Cara Muscio of Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension, **Heather Stork** and **TJ Kuray** of NJ Marine Sciences Consortium, **Scott Barnes** of Sandy Hook Audubon, and **Emily Hackett, Heather Saffert, and Tavia Danch** of COA. COA also thanks **John Wnek, Tina Held, and the students from the Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science (MATES)** for teaching marine ecology at the workstations.

The Spring 2010 Student Summit for schools in northern and central NJ is scheduled for May 6 and 7, 2010. Applications will be available in February.



Students learn about horseshoe crabs and other marine critters during Student Summits' Roundtable discussions



John Wnek starts the day off with an informative lecture about protecting the marine environment.

Sea Scenes: Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle - Furniture, Paint and More!



Waves of thanks for our sea-savvy donations!

Clean Ocean Action's Sandy Hook offices have a new look and feel. **Rob Adams** of **i-Workplaces, LLC** has donated many long hours of planning and support for Clean Ocean Action's new office layout and furniture implementation. With the help of **Tom Mahedy** from **Econo-Line Movers of Wall** helping with the moving and storage of furniture and **Steve Walker** from **S.W. Decorators, Atlantic Highlands** painting our space, Rob Adams made the COA command center look as efficient and effective as our ocean protection work. With pre-owned furniture and filing cabinets from **United Teletech Financial**, COA Headquarters is looking and feeling sharp. In the end, COA's old furniture was transported and recycled by the **Montecalvo's** at **Bayshore Recycling in Keasbey, NJ**. Waves of thanks from the COA staff to all who donated their time as well as greatly discounting their services!

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Student Ocean Advocates Coming to Ocean County



Student Ocean Advocates (SOA) will be starting up again at the end of November. After three years of success in Monmouth County, SOA is expanding in the 2009-2010 school year to include Ocean County! High School representatives from schools throughout Monmouth and Ocean Counties will come together to share their common interest of keeping our ocean clean

and protected. Through the SOA program, students are educated about current environmental threats to our oceans and learn by experiencing key advocacy techniques and tools that can make a difference today as well as in the future. Each high school will develop and implement a project or campaign to encourage members of their "home high schools" and communities to make environmentally conscience choices in their daily lives. We thank Monmouth University and the Urban Coast Institute for hosting the Monmouth County meetings and we thank Ocean County College and the Barnegat Bay National Estuary Program for hosting the Ocean County meetings this year.

NATIONAL OCEAN POLICY

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President Obama Establishes Ocean Policy Task Force

To develop recommendations for a national ocean policy, President Obama has established an Ocean Policy Task Force that has held six national public hearings. Cindy Zipf representing Clean Ocean Action spoke out in support of protecting a healthy ocean at the crowded East Coast meeting held in Providence, RI that more than 250 people attended. Several other NJ/NY region folks testified including Tim Dillingham from the American Littoral Society. Most compelling was 9 year old Billy Pellegrino (yes, son of famed coastal paddler Margo, who also testified). Billy politely yet emphatically called on the Task Force to make the ocean healthy for his future.

The oceans and coasts are under stress from multiple sources of pollution, climate change, and competing uses. "The Task Force has a wealth of opportunity to make our oceans, coasts and Great Lakes healthier - both environmentally and economically," stated Nancy Sutley, Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality and chairwoman of the task force. Sutley and Dr. Jane Lubchenco, head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, lead the meeting.

More than 140 laws and 20 agencies govern ocean and coastal waters and resources, which now result in conflicts, confusion, and inaction. A unifying national policy based on sound science and stewardship is needed. Clean Ocean Action has submitted comments on the national ocean policy, marine spatial planning, and the Task Force's interim report, which are online. COA supports Obama's directive for a policy "to ensure the protection, maintenance, and restoration of our oceans and coasts."



From Left: Laura Davis, Assoc. Deputy Secretary at the Department of the Interior, Cindy Zipf, and Nancy Sutley, Chair of the Ocean Task Force



From Left: Margo Pellegrino, Dr. Jane Lubchenco, NOAA, and Cindy Zipf; Front: Billy Pellegrino