



American Fisheries Society
Mid-Atlantic Chapter – Spring Meeting
Delaware County Institute of Science, Media, PA
May 15, 2008

- 9:00 **Registration and social hour** (coffee/bagels)
- 9:45 **Welcome** *Al Palmer, President Delaware County Institute of Science*
Craig A. Woolcott, Chapter President
- 10:00 **Long Term Tag Retention and Post Implantation Survival Rates of Weakfish (*Cynoscion regalis*)**
Jennifer Hampton, Delaware State University
- 10:20 **Potential for a recreational fishery for mature male striped bass in the Delaware River and Bay**
Desmond Kahn, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
- 10:40 **Break**
- 11:00 **Analysis of Trends in Sex Ratio, Implications for Natural Mortality, and Variation in Age-Length Keys in Summer Flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*)**
Eric N. Powell & Jason Morson, Rutgers University, Haskin Shellfish Research Lab*
- 11:20 **A Study of the Benthic Macroinvertebrate Community of an Urban Estuary: NJ's Hackensack Meadowlands,**
A. Brett Bragin, New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (NJMC)
- 11:40 **Lunch**
- 1:00 **Not All Nursery Areas Are Created Equal: The Importance of Small Scale Nursery Habitat for Delaware Bay Sandbar Sharks**
Naeem Willett, Delaware State University Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Dewayne Fox, University of Rhode Island Department of Biological Sciences
Brad Wetherbe, University of Rhode Island Department of Biological Sciences
- 1:20 **Patterns of Habitat Use and Residency for Sand Tiger Sharks (*Carcharias taurus*) in Delaware Bay**
Johnny E. Moore, Delaware State University Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources,
Dewayne Fox, Delaware State University Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Brad Wetherbee, University of Rhode Island Department of Biological Sciences
Camilla T. McCandless, NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service, NMFS
- 1:40 **Business Meeting** (agenda on reverse side)
- 3:10 **Adjourn**