

## Big Stripers Are Now Biting Good

Local Anglers Land Several Large Ones from Water Along Beach Front

WILL GET MEDALS

Federal Fisheries Experts Are Using New Methods to Determine Spawning Time



More striped bass is being caught along the Jersey coast this year than any time within the last five years. The stripers are running unusually large this year and are being landed frequently by local anglers fishing off the piers or in the surf hereabouts.

Their presence is probably due to the low temperature of the water this year. There has also recently been a quantity of sand-eels washed on the beaches which might account for the presence of the bass in this vicinity. They follow the eels for food, as a number of good catches have been made of striped bass on the inshore sludes.

Johnny Zell of Engine Company No. 8 landed a 14-pound striper with a rod and reel on Monday off the stone wall near the Aberdeen Hotel at Longport and Frank Jacobs, an employee in the Chelsea Post Office, caught two beauts at Dorset avenue while fishing in the surf. One striper landed by Jacobs weighed 11 3/4 pounds and the other was 6 pounds.

Zell and Jacobs are members of the Anglers' Club of Absecon Island and will receive bronze medals, a prize awarded by the popular lovers of the City Club to members catching fish above a certain weight.

Lew Christianson of the Long Island Casting Club caught a 6 1/2 pound striper while fishing at Longport recently.

The Anglers' Club of Absecon Island has sent scale specimens of some of the late striper catches to the bureau of fisheries for inspection to determine the age and yearly growth of some of the specimens landed hereabouts.

By a method which is being used by the Federal fisheries authorities experts the age, yearly growth and spawning periods through the reading of the scales is checked up more accurately than by previous methods of microscopic observations of the "ear stones" which was formerly in use and the information so interesting to disciples of Isaac Walton is more minutely determined than of

## Resort Anglers Sight Large School Of Black Whales Off Jersey Coast

July 19, 1928

A school of large black whales, very unusual along the Jersey coast, was sighted by several members of the Anglers' club of Absecon in the vicinity of Barnegat.

The black whale is an inhabitant of the Caribbean sea, along the coast of the West Indies, and only within the last few years has migrated to other waters.

Discovery of this school by the resort anglers recalls the summer season of 1923, when, during the month of August, the Anglers' clubhouse was being constructed. Carpenters working on the building sighted one of the black whales which came floating helplessly toward shore. The amphibian, evidently ill, was caught by the carpenters and lived several days. It was then taken to an aquarium on Young's old pier but seemed reluctant to want to swim—or live—for that matter. Boys, anxious to see the whale in action, threw blocks of wood at it and after swallowing one of these missiles, the whale choked to death. It weighed 824 pounds.

Large schools of bluefish have been infesting the waters of the ridge from Barnegat down as far as Beach Haven. William B. Westcott, his son, Jack, and H. Willard Shaner, of the Anglers' club, landed more than 50 of these while trowling for tuna fish. They weighed between three and seven pounds.

Frank Jacobs, an employee of the Chelsea post office, and a member of the Anglers' club, reports the catch of his third large channel bass this season. The fish was caught at Bond Creek Point, between Longport and Somers Point, and weighed 39 pounds. Two channel bass which he caught previously tipped the scales at 38 pounds five ounces, and 26 pounds, respectively. The 39-pounder was just 16 ounces short of the gold medal fob award which goes to Absecon Anglers catching certain species of fish weighing 40 or more pounds. Jacobs received a bronze medal fob award for

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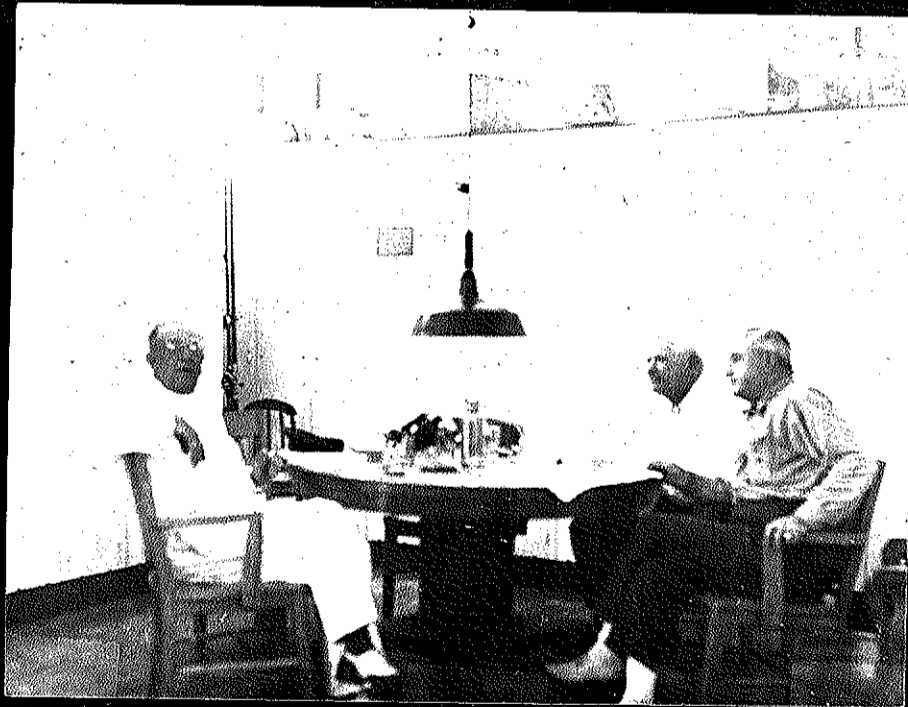
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## July 1928 Jacobs Hooks Channel Bass

Fish Weighs 38 Pounds, 5 Ounces; Many Kings Caught Hereabouts

The big topic among sport fishermen in these days is the prize-winning catch of Frank Jacobs, of the Chelsea postoffice.

He hooked a 38-pound, five-ounce channel bass while fishing at Bond Point creek between Longport and Somers Point. This catch won for him a silver medal from the Anglers' club of Absecon Island, of which he is a member.

Kingfish are running ahead of last season according to H. Willard Shaner, secretary of the Anglers' club of Absecon Island. There has been a bit of disappointment with the salt water fishing, but they were starting to appear when the storm brought a halt.

There are considerable weakfish these days, it was reported by many anglers.

Many residents and summer cottagers are making up fishing parties and are going for trips either out into the ocean or into the bay.

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