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The Strathmere Fishing and Environmental Club, based in Strathmere, NJ with an active membership of 150 members, will be conducting its annual environmental day on Saturday October 15, 2016. The Club will organize a beach cleanup in Strathmere beginning at 9:00 a.m.

At 4:00 p.m., the Club will conduct a meeting in the second floor of the Strathmere Firehouse at which time Hugh Carberry, Director of the New Jersey Artificial Reef Program will make a presentation concerning the history and current state of the New Jersey artificial reef program.

Since 1984, the New Jersey Bureau of Marine Fisheries has had an extensive program of artificial reef construction and since 1996, the Strathmere Fishing and Environmental Club has supported that program while also partnering with the New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife. SFEC has helped secure safe and clean permanent reef material and has contributed towards the deployment of several vessels for several reefs in South Jersey. SFEC has continued to help fund and advocate for the New Jersey Artificial Reef Program and the Club has had dedicated locations on nautical charts depicting sections of local reefs in memory of longtime Club members.

Currently, the State of New Jersey has 15 artificial reef sites and the SEC has made a long term commitment to continue to help fund, plan and advocate for New Jersey's artificial reef program.

Please join us on Saturday, October 15, 2016 to participate in the Strathmere Beach Cleanup as well as the meeting and Mr. Carberry's presentation at 4:00 p.m. at the Strathmere Firehouse to learn more about this valued reef marine program.

Any questions regarding the presentation or the Club's commitment to the artificial reef program may be directed to Randy Roash at 609-970-2362 or rrash@comcast.net.