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Assemblymen Robert K. Sweeney

Dear Mr. Sweeney;

Many in the recreational fishing community have been puzzled by a recent quote by Mr. James Gilmore Commissioner Administrative New York State D.E.C. in a Newsday article on July 21/10. In which Mr. Gilmore made a statement that striped bass may be contributing to declines in other fish like winter flounder. I have e-mailed Mr. Gilmore and ask him how he has come to this conclusion, but to this day have not received an answer.

I know of no studies that suggest his statement is true. Rather all evidence points to another conclusion that inshore predators feed on prey that is most abundant and easily taken. This is not the case with winter flounder.

To have a person with this unfounded viewpoint on ASMFC Management Board, making decisions for their public use is not in the best interest of this fishery or the public

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'William A. Young'.

William A. Young
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