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**Lupski statement opposing saltwater fishing license fees**

TRI-HAMLET – Ron Lupski, the Democratic nominee for the Sixth Council District, announced Wednesday that he supports the efforts by four Suffolk County towns to fight harsh saltwater fishing license fees.

“The South Shore is home to so many fishing communities,” said Lupski, president of nonprofit organization Save the Forge River. “So the last thing we want to do is tax this industry – especially one that is struggling.

“I grew up fishing and clamming, and even spent four years as a commercial fisherman. Many of my friends and neighbors fish for a living. So I know the struggles these men and women face. Imposing what is essentially a tax on them is counterintuitive to what government should be doing – we should try to facilitate their success, because their success is our success, financially and socially. By taxing people who fish, we hurt one of Long Island’s most treasured traditions passed down from generation to generation.”

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