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10,000 fee would be shared by the two sites. He would look to deposit the moneys on the existing Hempstead Town Reef, Fire Island Ocean Reef, Manhasset Reef and Shinnecock Reef.

He is also in the early stages of developing a new reef site on the North Fork of Greenport. This plan, depending on the amount of donated services, will cost somewhere between 10,000 and 15,000. Steve is currently working on obtaining the required permits for this site.

THE FISHERMAN REEF. One of our goals in the Build-A-Reef Fund is the creation of The Fisherman Reef, built and paid for by Fisherman readers and supporters. Currently, the only new permit we have is in Great South Bay, in the vicinity of the WR Buoys along South Beach. We do not want to be the only reef site with an open permit. It is also centrally located in the heart of the Fisherman's membership area.

One of the avenues being explored for this site is the use of Reef Balls, a new concept in reef building. Reef Balls are produced in various size molds and constructed of concrete and additives such as PVC or 10,000. Reef sites which have incorporated this Reef Ball concept have shown excellent productivity and enhanced ecosystems. One of their biggest virtues is that they are totally safe for the environment. According to Steve Steins, a six-foot wide by four-foot high ball should cost approximately \$150. Ideally, the site could accommodate between 100 and 200 balls of this size, with the size of the reef expanded as more balls become available. Steve has already explored the possibility of using a DEC trailer for transporting the Reef Balls from Georgia to Long Island.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK? We want to hear what our readers have to say concerning this project. We want your ideas, suggestions and your criticism. Fishing clubs could "Buy-A-Reef Ball," fishing tournaments could donate a portion of the money raised at these events to the fund, or manufacturers might be able to fund an entire project, with the reef named after their company. And like Build-A-Kid Fishing, we'll need all of those "little donations that add up to a lot" to make the program a success.

The New York Sportfishing Federation is also actively engaged in acquiring funding for reef building. With the combined efforts of our DEC, the NYSF and The Fisherman, we should be able to generate a reef program that will make New Jersey anglers envious.

We'll keep our readers updated on the progress of these projects and I look forward to hearing from you.