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Philadelphia's favorite fisherman Regains his place on Schuylkill Esplanade

PHILADELPHIA, June 17 — Philadelphia's favorite and best-known fisherman will regain his place on the Schuylkill River Esplanade, a part of the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center.

The cast metal fisherman will again sit atop a rock a few feet from the river, where he has sat since 1990. In September, 1999, a huge tree trunk, swept downstream by the fierce winds of Hurricane Floyd, tore the fisherman from his rocky perch and deposited him in the river.

In February, 2002, a team of divers and engineers from GORCA Technologies, Inc., a Moorestown, N.J., based acoustics research and development firm, found the fisherman and rescued him from the river. Repairs were made to the sculpture in the intervening two-plus years.

Installation is scheduled for 3-4 p.m. today. This event promises excellent visuals and solid opportunities for interesting stories about the crafting and repair of this highly detailed sculpture.

Media representatives should contact Ms. Gail Tomlinson at the Interpretive Center, on Water Works Drive (the old Aquarium Drive) for further information.