

**Massachusetts River Herring Network
Seventh Annual Meeting**

Thursday November 2, 2017 9:00AM-3:00PM
Sandwich Town Hall 130 Main St. Sandwich 02563

9:30AM Welcome & Introductions

9:45AM **Orientation to Sandwich Herring Run**

David DeConto, Town of Sandwich, Director of Natural Resources

10:00 **Update on Diadromous Fishes Management Issues**

Brad Chase, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

10:45 Announcements

11:00 **Electronic Counting: How to and Lessons Learned**

Ben Gahagan, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

11:45 **Using Technology to Bring a Hidden Migration to Life: Crowd sourcing the counting of upstream migration video**

Patrick Herron, Mystic River Watershed Association

12:15 Pizza Lunch Break and Discussion Time

1:00 *Discussion Groups - MA DOT issues or Aquatic Invasive Species*

1:45 **State-wide, Regional and Coast-wide Status of River Herring Populations**

John Sheppard, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

2:30 **Juvenile river herring in lakes: Sampling approaches for evaluating growth & survival**

Matthew Devine, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Massachusetts Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit

3:00 Closing Comments

3:15 PM **Field Trip to Upper Shawme Pond**

Meeting sponsored by the MA Division of Marine Fisheries, Barnstable County Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, Woods Hole Sea Grant, Town of Sandwich & the Cape Cod Conservation District.



Activities & Goals of the River Herring Network

1. Facilitate communication among herring wardens, herring count volunteers, watershed organizations, and state and federal agencies.
2. Provide forums to hear and discuss management issues, research updates, and local projects from relevant local, state, and federal agencies and organizations.
3. Gather useful information from academic institutions, state and federal agencies, and non-profit groups, and distribute it to wardens and volunteers

The ultimate goal is to do work that will increase the numbers of alewife and blueback herring in the waters of Massachusetts.

River Herring Network Steering Committee Members

Tom Barron	Middleboro-Lakeville Herring Fishery Commission
David Cavanaugh	Middleboro-Lakeville Herring Fishery Commission
Brad Chase	Division of Marine Fisheries
Amy Croteau	Town of Barnstable
Bill Boulter	Pembroke Board of Selectmen
David Gould	Town of Plymouth
Sara Grady	North & South Rivers Watershed Association & Mass Bays Program
Eric Hutchins	NOAA Habitat Restoration Center
Andrew Jones	Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
Alex Mansfield	Jones River Watershed Association
Jo Ann Muramoto	Association to Preserve Cape Cod & Mass Bays Program
Melissa Sanderson	Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance
Judy Scanlon	Orleans Volunteer Count Program
John Sheppard	Division of Marine Fisheries
George Yeomans	Westport Fisheries Commission