

**Massachusetts River Herring Network
Eighth Annual Meeting**

Thursday October 18, 2018 9:30AM-4:00PM
Waquoit Congregational Church Parish Hall
15 Parsons Ln, East Falmouth, MA

9:30AM Welcome & Introductions

9:45AM **Orientation to Falmouth Herring Runs**

Christina Loveley, Falmouth Natural Resources Department

10:00AM **Coonamesett River Restoration Project in Falmouth**

Wendi Buessler, Coonamesett River Trust

Betsy Gladfelter, Project Coordinator and Conservation Commissioner, Town of Falmouth

Linda Deegan, Woods Hole Research Center

10:30AM Coffee Break

10:45 AM **Update on Diadromous Fishes Management Issues**

Brad Chase, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

11:30 Announcements

11:40 **Hot Herring: Exploring the effects of temperature on juvenile river herring**

Lian Guo, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Massachusetts

Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit

12:05 Pizza Lunch Break

1:00 Breakout Discussion Time

1:30 **Environmental Law Enforcement Update and Q&A Session**

Lieutenant Matt Bass, Massachusetts Environmental Police

2:00 **Monitoring Aquatic Invasive Species – Successes & Lessons Learned**

Alison Field-Juma, Executive Director, OARS for the Assabet, Sudbury, and Concord Rivers

2:30 Closing Comments

2:45 PM **Field Trip to Coonamesett River Restoration Site**

Meeting sponsored by the MA Division of Marine Fisheries, Barnstable County Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, Woods Hole Sea Grant, Coonamesett River Trust & 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
Amy Croteau	Town of Barnstable
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Eric Hutchins	NOAA Habitat Restoration Center
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Jo Ann Muramoto	Association to Preserve Cape Cod & Mass Bays Program
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John Sheppard	Division of Marine Fisheries
George Yeomans	Westport Fisheries Commission