**Massachusetts River Herring Network**

**3rd Annual Meeting**

***Thursday October 24, 2013 2:00PM-5:00PM***

*Bourne Veteran’s Memorial Community Center*

 *239 Main St. Buzzards Bay, MA*

2:00PM Welcome & Introductions

2:10 **Update** **on** **River Herring Management**

 **Brad Chase**, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

2:40 **Environmental Law Enforcement – River Herring and Eel Regulations**

 **Sergeant Matt Bass,** Massachusetts Environmental Law Enforcement

3:10 **Monitoring Massachusetts Herring Runs with Video**

 **Ben Gahagan & Mike Bednarski**, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

3:40 **BREAK**

3:50 **Panel Discussion: Managing Herring Runs by Committee**

Town Herring Committees have a long history in Massachusetts. Members of the Pembroke Herring Fisheries Commission, Westport Fish Commission, and other current committees will discuss of the origins and operations of their groups, and share their experiences with the challenges and benefits of managing a herring run with the help of a committee.

4:30 **Reducing River Herring Bycatch in the Atlantic Herring Trawl**

 **Fisheries**

 Dave Bethoney, Umass Dartmouth School for Marine Science and Technology

4:55 Closing Remarks

5:00 Adjourn

*All are invited to stay until 5:30PM for pizza and further conversation*