**First Annual Meeting**

**of the**

**Massachusetts River Herring Network**

Wednesday October 19 2:00PM-5:00PM

Bourne Veteran’s Memorial Community Center – 239 Main St. Buzzards Bay, MA

2:00 Welcome & Introductions

2:15 **History of River Herring Management**

 Matthew McKenzie, University of Connecticut, Avery Point Campus

2:45 **Division of Marine Fisheries Anadromous Fisheries Program**

 Brad Chase and John Sheppard, Massachusetts Division of Marine

 Fisheries

3:15 **Creating Best Management Practices - Breakout Session**

 Facilitated by Jeff Hughes, Wellfleet Herring Warden &

 Abby Franklin, Cape Cod Conservation District

BREAKOUT DISCUSSIONS & COFFEE BREAK

4:15 **Tour of the River Herring Network website**

 Melissa Sanderson, Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen’s

 Association

4:25 **Update on River Herring Counts in Massachusetts**

Eric Hutchins, NOAA Restoration Center &

Jo Ann Muramoto, Massachusetts Bays Program and Association to

 Preserve Cape Cod

4:45 Summary of Breakout Session and Discussion about future direction

5:00 Adjourn

*All are invited to the nearby restaurant Mezza Luna (253 Main St. Buzzards Bay) for further conversation*