

**Massachusetts River Herring Network
Sixth Annual Meeting**

Thursday October 27, 2016 10:00AM-5:00PM
Buzzards Bay Coalition Office 114 Front St New Bedford, MA 02740

10:00AM Welcome & Introductions

10:15 Update on River Herring Management Issues

Sara Turner, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

10:45 Announcements

11:00 Early life history of river herring (larvae & juveniles) from contrasting freshwater environments

Joel Llopiz and Andy Jones, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

11:30 River Herring and Roads

Tim Dexter, Massachusetts Department of Transportation

12:00 Pizza Lunch Break and Discussion Time

1:00PM How vulnerable are river herring to climate change?

Michelle Staudinger, U.S. Geological Survey, DOI Northeast Climate Science Center in Amherst, MA

1:30 Thoughts on harvest in the Middleboro-Lakeville Run

David Cavanaugh, Middleboro-Lakeville Fisheries Commission and Brad Chase, MA DMF

2:00 Division of Marine Fisheries Stream Maintenance Guidelines Discussion

Brad Chase, MA DMF and Steve Hurley, Mass Division of Fish & Wildlife

2:45 An Introduction to the Acushnet River Restoration

Brendan Annett and Sara da Silva Quintal, Buzzards Bay Coalition

3:00 Closing Comments

3:30PM Field Trip to The Sawmill, Acushnet – Meet at 32 Mill Road, Acushnet

Meeting sponsored by the MA Division of Marine Fisheries, Barnstable County Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, Woods Hole Sea Grant, the Cape Cod Conservation District and the Buzzards Bay Coalition



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