



Wildlife and the Restoration of Herring River

WHEN/WHERE

Thursday, May 3, 2018, 6 pm, MA Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, 291 State Highway, South Wellfleet. The event is free and open to the public.

WHAT

Learn about the benefits to birds, turtles, herring and other wildlife resulting from a return of tidal flow to the Herring River estuary.

The Herring River Restoration Project will significantly improve habitat for a wide variety of wildlife. Restoration of hundreds of acres of inter-tidal marsh will expand habitat for species that thrive in salt and brackish marsh environments. Salt marshes are among the most productive ecosystems on the planet and provide food, shelter, nesting sites, and migratory habitat for many species of birds, mammals, and reptiles. Restoring tides to the Herring River will enhance the quality and quantity of these resources and improve their resiliency in the face of increased threats by sea level rise and land-based pollution and encroachment.

WHO

Perspectives on wildlife in the Herring River

-Bob Prescott, Director, MA Audubon Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary

Wellfleet's river herring: history, current status

-Barbara Brennessel, Professor Emerita, Wheaton College

Birds in the Herring River

-Mark Faherty, Science Coordinator, MA Audubon Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary

-Steve Broker, Science Educator (Rails and Bitterns)

Turtles of Herring River:

-Barbara Brennessel, Professor Emerita, Wheaton College (Diamondback Terrapin)

-Ray Clarke, Professor (retired), Sarah Lawrence College (Eastern Box Turtles)

The event is co-sponsored by MA Audubon Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, Wellfleet Conservation Trust, Wellfleet Natural Resources Advisory Board and Friends of Herring River.

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