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## 1ST ANNUAL CAPE COASTAL CONFERENCE

# STATE OF THE CAPE: CHANGING WATERS & SHORELINES

Linking Science with Local Solutions and Decision-Making

JUNE 13-14, 2013

DOUBLETREE
BY HILTON
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#### DAY ONE - THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2013

7:30 – 8:30 Sign-in & Refreshments Regatta Room

8:30 – 8:45 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Alison Leschen, Manager & Tonna-Marie Rogers, Coastal Training Program Coordinator, Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR)

#### PLENARY SESSION I STATE OF THE CAPE'S WATERS & WETLANDS

Facilitator: Tonna-Marie Rogers, Waquoit Bay NERR

Morning Keynote: State of the Cape's Bays and Estuaries: Threats and Impacts to Coastal Ecosystem Health Dr. Chris Neill, Director, Ecosystems Center, Marine Biological Laboratory

State of the Cape's Ponds: What Have We Learned through the Ponds and Lakes Stewardship (PALS) Program? Ed Eichner, Senior Water Scientist, School for Marine Science & Technology, UMASS-Dartmouth

Cape Cod Wetlands: Challenges and Opportunities
Jeremy Bell, Restoration Specialist, MA DFG Department of
Ecological Restoration

10:20 -10:40 Break, View Exhibits

Water Quality Assessment of River Herring Spawning and Nursery Habitat

Brad Chase, Senior Marine Fisheries Biologist, MA Division of Marine Fisheries

Addressing Resource Management Challenges and Nutrient Pollution on the Cape

Kenneth Kimmell, Commissioner, MA Department of Environmental Protection

PLENARY SESSION II
RESTORING WATER QUALITY: INNOVATE, INTEGRATE &
COLLABORATE

Area Wide 208 Water Quality Management Plan Update Erin Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator, Cape Cod Commission

Watershed: MVP for Community Wastewater Management and Decision-Making

Tom Cambareri, Water Resources Program Manager, Cape Cod Commission

Tackling Collaboration Challenges to Address Nitrogen Loading in Shared Watersheds

Edward Leonard, P.E., Sr. Project Manager, Wright-Pierce

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch - Ivy Room

PLENARY SESSION III
THE DYNAMIC CAPE - DEALING WITH A CHANGING
CLIMATE, SEA LEVEL RISE AND COASTAL HAZARDS

Afternoon Keynote: Modern Climate Change: Science and Global to Local Impacts

Dr. Fiamma Straneo, Oceanographer, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Rising Seas, Rising Challenges: Understanding the Global Threat of Sea Level Rise

Dr. Jerry Mitrovica, Harvard University

2:40 - 3:00 Break, View Exhibits

Will the Cape Fall Into The Sea? Future Sea Level Rise and Coastal Change on Cape Cod

Dr. Rob Thieler, Coastal Geologist, United States Geological Survey

Tracking Natural Community Response to Sea Level Rise in Waquoit Bay

James Rassman, Stewardship Coordinator, Waquoit Bay NERR

Trends in Shoreline Change and Hazard Impacts: Hot Spots and Management Challenges

Greg Berman, Coastal Processes Specialist, Woods Hole Sea Grant and Cape Cod Cooperative Extension

Storm Surge Risk Modeling and Coastal Engineering Adaptations in a Changing Climate
Kirk Bosma, Coastal Engineer, Woods Hole Group

::00 Day 1 Wrap Up & Transition to Networking/Poster

Session

Networking Reception & Poster Session

IVY LOUNGE

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 5:15PM - 6:45PM

#### DAY TWO - FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2013

Regatta Room

8:30 – 8:40 Welcome and Opening Comments
Tonna-Marie Rogers, Coastal Training

Sign-in and Refreshments

8:40 - 10:40 Concurrent Sessions

7:30 - 8:30

## CONCURRENT SESSION A: CAPE COD 1 & 2 EXPLORING SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE AS A NITROGEN MANAGEMENT OPTION

Program Coordinator, Waquoit Bay NERR

Facilitators: Stephen McKenna, Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management & Jo Ann Muramoto, Massachusetts Bays Program & Association to Preserve Cape Cod

Nitrogen in Shellfish and Key Considerations for Aquaculture Projects - What Are We Learning from Local Research?

Josh Reitsma, Marine Resource Specialist & Diane Murphy, Fisheries and Aquaculture Specialist, Cape Cod Cooperative Extension and Woods Hole Sea Grant

Shellfish and Water Quality Restoration in the Town of Mashpee Rick York, Shellfish Constable, Town of Mashpee

Falmouth Shellfish Aquaculture Demonstration Project: Concept, Preparation and Progress

Ron Zweig, Town of Falmouth Water Quality Management Committee

CONCURRENT SESSION B: REGATTA ROOM
RESTORING WATER QUALITY USING DIFFERENT TOOLS
AND PLANNING APPROACHES

Facilitators: Kate Harvey, Waquoit Bay NERR & Lindsey Counsell, Three Bays Preservation

Locally Led Coastal Habitat Restoration to Improve Water Quality on Cape Cod - Donald Liptack, District Conservationist, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Using Innovative Demonstration Projects to Inform Decision-Making on Wastewater Solutions in the Town of Falmouth: Permeable Reactive Barriers and Inlet Widening Jerry Potamis, Wastewater Superintendent, Town of Falmouth

Using an Integrated Approach in Brewster for Water, Wastewater, Ponds and Land Use Planning Sue Leven, Town Planner, Town of Brewster and Mark Nelson, Horsley Witten Group

Algae Control by Phosphorous Inactivation: Cape Cod Results and Lessons - Ken Wagner, Water Resources Manager, Water Resource Services

Solar Water Circulators for Mitigation of Coastal Eutrophication in Santuit Pond - Rick York, Town of Mashpee

### CONCURRENT SESSION C: CAPE COD 3 & 4 ADAPTING TO A CHANGING CLIMATE: How Do We Do IT?

Facilitators: Brian Dudley, MA Department of Environmental Protection & Tonna-Marie Rogers, Waquoit Bay NERR

Unpacking Adaptation Planning: Moving From Theory to Practice Lisa Dickson, PG, Vice President, Sustainability, Kleinfelder

Case Study – Sea Level Rise Planning on the South Shore Paul Halkiotis, AICP, Town Planner, Town of Marshfield

Collaborative Approaches for Addressing Climate Risk Patrick Field, Managing Director, Consensus Building Institute

Using LIDAR and Climate Information to Better Plan for Coastal Change - Facilitated Discussion

10:40 - 11:00 - Break, View Exhibits

## CLOSING PLENARY USING SCIENCE & EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO BUILD THE CAPE'S RESILIENCY TO CHANGE

Effectively Communicating Complicated Issues
Roger Stephenson, Stephenson Strategic Communications

Panel Discussion - Bridging the Divide: Linking Science with Local Solutions and Decision-Making

Panel Moderator - Heather Goldstone, Science Editor WCAI, the Cape & Islands NPR Station

#### Panelists:

Paul Niedzwiecki, Executive Director, Cape Cod Commission, Richard Delaney, Executive Director, Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies (PCCS)

Pamela DiBona, Executive Director, Massachusetts Bays Program Ed Dewitt, Executive Director, Association to Preserve Cape Cod Robert O'Leary, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce Pat Hughes, Marine Policy Director, PCCS and Selectman, Town of Brewster.

12:30 - Wrap-up and Adjourn