

Atlantic Coast River Herring Collaborative Forum

Conference Call and Webinar

October 30, 2023

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET

Please register for River Herring Forum at:

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Meeting Purpose:

The [River Herring Forum](#) is an open, online venue for river herring practitioners to meet virtually and share their research, restoration, management, and outreach activities, as well as a platform for encouraging collaboration.

- 1:00 PM:** Welcome, introductions and getting organized (J. Watson and J. Boyle)
- 1:05 PM:** **Management Updates** (15 min)
- o ASMFC Updates (J. Boyle, K. Drew; 5 min)
 - o MAFMC Updates (J. Boyle; 5 min)
 - o NEFMC Updates (J. Cournane; 5 minutes)
- 1:20 PM:** Using multi-decadal datasets to evaluate trends, adult migration patterns, and juvenile counts for Blueback Herring in the Connecticut River (M. Marjadi - NMFS; 20 min)
- 1:40 PM:** Assessing passage efficacy for alewives at a state-of-the-art-fishway (C. Dillingham - UMaine; 20 min)
- 2:00 PM:** Evaluating the capacity for high-frequency environmental DNA (eDNA) sampling to estimate fish count for river herring populations utilizing the Choptank River (C. Fowler - UMCES; 20 min)
- 2:20 PM:** Monitoring river herring passage at a fishway on the Chickahominy River in Virginia (A. Weaver - VADWR; 20 min)
- 2:40 PM** **General Updates** (30 min)
- o USFWS National Fish Passage Program Opportunities (C. Bozek; 5 min)
 - o Connecticut River Herring Database (Z. Grabowski, 5 min)
 - o Gulf of Maine River Herring Network (E. Farr; 10 mins)
 - o Initial [survey](#) results recap (J. Watson; 10 min)
- 3:10 PM** Open discussion and updates (45 min)
- 3:55 PM** Wrap up and next steps
- 4:00 PM** Adjourn