

Changes in Narragansett Bay: A Conversation among Citizens and Scientists
16th Annual Ronald C. Baird Sea Grant Science Symposium
University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography Narragansett Bay Campus
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DRAFT Agenda

Overall goals:

1. Provide resource users, regulators, and scientists an opportunity to discuss the changes they have seen in the Bay and share information about why these changes are taking place.
2. Identify gaps and solutions.
3. Begin to define a resilient Narragansett Bay.

Results: Inform Sea Grant's research agenda, the state's Narragansett Bay Special Area Management Plan (Bay SAMP) and other initiatives.

	Activity
8:15	<p>Welcome and Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dennis Nixon, Rhode Island Sea Grant (RISG)</i> • <i>Bruce Corliss, Dean, URI Graduate School of Oceanography (URI/GSO)</i> • <i>Jennifer McCann, URI/GSO/CRC/RISG</i>
8:30	<p>A Resilient Bay: Stakeholder Perspectives Moderator: <i>Azure Cygler, URI/GSO/CRC/RISG</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mason Silkes, Saltwater Farms (invited)</i> • <i>Mike McGiveney, Rhode Island Shellfisherman's Association</i> • <i>Matt Griffin, Multi-purpose User</i> • <i>Al Eagles, Rhode Island Lobsterman's Association</i>
9:20	<p>The Choices We Have Made Moderator: <i>Pam Rubinoff, URI/GSO/CRC/RISG</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wally Fulweiler, Boston University</i> • <i>Tom Uva, Narragansett Bay Commission</i> • Rapporteur: <i>Candace Oviatt, URI/GSO</i>
10:10	<p>Break</p>
10:25	<p>Changes in the Bay: Chemical Inputs Moderator: <i>Alan Desbonnet, RISG</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the chemical inputs from the wastewater treatment plants? <i>Angelo Liberti, RI Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM)</i> • How do the chlorine inputs from the wastewater treatment plant alter Narragansett Bay? <i>Art Spivak, URI/GSO</i> • How has wastewater treatment altered nutrient input to Narragansett Bay? <i>Rick Mckinney, EPA</i> • Rapporteur: <i>Rich Hittinger, Rhode Island Saltwater Angler's Association</i>
11:25	<p>Changes in the Bay: Habitats and Critters (Part 1) Moderator: <i>Dave Beutel, RI Coastal Resources Management Council</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has eelgrass growth changed over time? <i>Steve Granger, URI/GSO</i> • How does nutrient reduction impact primary production? <i>Candace Oviatt, URI/GSO</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapporteur: Caitlin Chaffee, RI Coastal Resources Management Council
12:10	Lunch and share your research thoughts: Charge to the Group
1:30	<p>Changes in the Bay: Habitats and Critters (Part 2) <i>Moderator: Dave Beutel, RI Coastal Resources Management Council</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What have been the changes in benthic invertebrates in the Bay? <i>Stephen Hale, EPA</i> • What have been the changes in fish, crabs, and lobsters? <i>Jeremy Collie, URI/GSO</i> • Rapporteur: Robert Rheault, East Coast Shellfish Growers Association
2:30	Break
2:45	<p>Expectations for the Future <i>Moderator Teresa Crean, URI/GSO/CRC/RISG</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much of this change is climate? <i>John King, URI/GSO</i> • What does this all mean and where are we going? <i>Wally Fulweiler, Boston University</i> • Rapporteur: Wenley Ferguson, Save the Bay (invited)
3:30	What are the Research Questions? <i>Moderators, Dennis Nixon and Jennifer McCann, RI Sea Grant</i>
4:00	<p>Responding to the Needs and the Gaps <i>Moderator Tiffany Smythe, URI/GSO/CRC/RISG</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narragansett Bay Monitoring <i>Conor McManus, DEM</i> • Narragansett Bay SAMP <i>Dave Beutel, CRMC</i> • Narragansett Bay Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) <i>Lew Rothstein, URI/GSO</i> • Narragansett Bay Estuary Program <i>John King, URI/GSO</i> • Southeast New England Program (SNEP) <i>John King, URI/GSO</i>
4:30	Adjourn <i>Dennis Nixon, RI Sea Grant</i>

Coordinator: Jennifer McCann, GSO/CRC/RISG

Organizing Committee:

- Bruce Corliss, Chair, GSO
- Dennis Nixon, RISG
- Candace Oviatt, GSO
- Jeremy Collie, GSO
- Janet Coit/Conor McManus, RI DEM
- Grover Fugate/Dave Beutel, RI CRMC
- John King, GSO – also representing NEP
- Tom Uva, NBC

Advisory Committee

- Lanny Dellinger, Rhode Island Lobsterman’s Association

- Bob Stankelis (or representative) NBNERR’s
- Charles Roman, The URI Coastal Institute
- Robert Rheault, East Coast Shellfish Growers Association
- Mike McGiveney, Rhode Island Shellfisherman’s Association
- Rich Hittinger, Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association
- Wendy Mackie, Rhode Island Marine Trades Association
- Sarah Schumann, Resilient Fisheries RI Project