

The Science and Management of Salt Ponds & Coastal Lagoons

April 28, 2011
Conference Program

- 7:30 **Registration & continental breakfast, view posters**
- 8:30 **Welcome**
Presentation of the 2010 Golden Eye Award
 Ray Hartenstine, Presented by David Gregg, RINHS
Introduction and Presentation of Distinguished Naturalist Award
 Al Hawkes, Past Executive Director, Audubon Society of Rhode Island
 Presented by Larry Taft, Executive Director, Audubon Society of Rhode Island
- 9:20 **Welcome: Charlie Vandemoer, Refuge Manager, US Fish & Wildlife – RI National Wildlife
 Refuge Complex**
- 9:30 **Judith Weis, Rutgers University**
Salt Marshes & Coastal Lagoons: Management Issues
- 10:15 **Break, view posters, book signing**
- 10:35 **Kevin Kroeger, USGS**
*Nitrogen Biogeochemistry of Coastal and Submarine Groundwater Discharge: A
 Synthesis of Recent Research*
- 11:05 **Russell Chateaufneuf, RIDEM – Office of Water Resources**
DEM's Role in Managing the Salt Ponds' Water Quality
- 11:25 **Maggie Payne¹ & Michael Bradley², ¹USDA – NRCS, ²URI – Environmental Data Center**
*Coastal and Subaqueous Soil Survey: Washington County, RI: Tools & Products of the
 MapCoast Partnership*
- 11:55 **Janet Freedman, CRMC**
Challenges of Eelgrass Restoration
- 12:15 **Lunch, view posters**
- 1:05 **Jennifer Bowen, University of Massachusetts - Boston**
*Microbes in Coastal Systems: Why Care About Those Always Overlooked, Often Misunder-
 stood, Frequently Maligned, Yet Utterly Indispensible Members of our Aquatic Habitats*
- 1:35 **Dave Beutel, CRMC**
The Growth of Aquaculture in Coastal Ponds: Social and Ecological Carrying Capacity
- 1:55 **Bryan DeAngelis, NOAA Restoration Center**
Building Coherence, Prioritization, and Goal Setting into Oyster Restoration Planning in RI
- 2:15 **Jules Opton-Himmel, The Nature Conservancy – RI Chapter**
*Using Shellfish Population Field Surveys to Inform Critical Restoration, Management
 and Policy Decisions*
- 2:35 **Break, view posters**
- 2:50 **John Lake, RIDEM – Division of Marine Fisheries**
Young of the Year Survey in Rhode Island Coastal Ponds
- 3:10 **Suzanne Faubl, URI MESM Program**
A Management-Oriented Water Quality Investigation of Trustom Pond
- 3:30 **Discussion: Ongoing Investigation & Management Possibilities in Rhode Island**
Mark Bullinger, Salt Ponds Coalition - Moderator
Panel: James Boyd (CRMC), Russell Chateaufneuf, Bryan Milstead (EPA Atlantic Ecol. Div.)
- 4:30 **Adjourn: Quonset O Club Lounge opens to encourage additional discussion and networking.**