



The Science and Management of Salt Ponds & Coastal Lagoons

Thursday, April 28, 2011 ~ 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Quonset O Club, North Kingstown, RI

Invited Speakers:

Judith Weis, Rutgers University, *Salt Marshes and Coastal Lagoons: Management Issues*. Keynote.
Jennifer Bowen, UMass Boston, *Microbial Biodiversity in Salt Marsh and Coastal Pond Sediments*.
Kevin Kroeger, USGS, *Groundwater Influx*.

Additional talks on aquaculture, diadromous & marine fish, eelgrass & shellfish restoration, the history & policy of salt pond management, nitrogen dynamics & water quality, *Spartina alterniflora*, coastal & subaqueous soils, a moderated panel discussion on future directions, posters & displays.

For a complete list of talks & poster titles, to see the schedule, and for directions, visit www.rinhs.org/conference

The O Club lounge will be open following the conference, all are invited to stay and socialize

2011 RI Distinguished Naturalist Award presentation at 8:30 a.m.
acknowledging the accomplishments of **Al Hawkes**, Director (Retired), Audubon Society of RI!
To attend **ONLY** the Distinguished Naturalist Award, contact RINHS.

REGISTRATION:

Register NOW by phone, mail, or fax (contact info below).
Registration includes continental breakfast & lunch

Deadline Friday, April 22, 2011!

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Return completed registration form with payment to: RINHS, PO Box 1858, Kingstown, RI 02881

Register by fax (401)874-5868, by phone (401)874-5800 (10 - 4:00 M-F). Questions? email programadmin@rinhs.org

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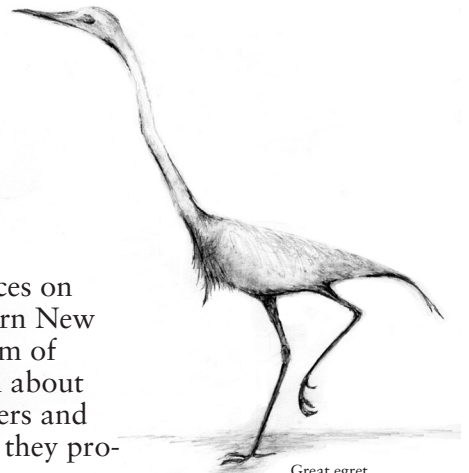
Rhode Island Natural History Survey's 15th Annual Conference

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Expert researchers and managers will discuss salt pond/coastal lagoon systems, which serve valuable functions for tourism and recreation, environmental sustainability, and resource-extractive industries such as fisheries. These systems are undergoing historic changes due to sea-level change, land conversion, surface water and groundwater contamination, invasive species, restoration projects, and new aquaculture practices. The difference between good and bad management could have a dramatic effect on the future viability of salt ponds, therefore the need for sound scientific understanding of these fragile ecosystems has never been greater.

Since 1993, the Rhode Island Natural History Survey has sponsored 14 conferences on ecosystems and natural historical subjects of concern to Rhode Island and southern New England. RINHS conferences are widely regarded for convening a broad spectrum of scientists, conservationists, agency managers, and the public to share information about animals, plants, and geology. The conferences are an excellent venue for researchers and organizations to showcase what they do in a collegial environment. Additionally, they provide career building opportunities for students from high school to graduate levels.



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Become an organizational member now for \$150, get a table and 1 "free" registration

Become an organizational member now for \$170, get a table and 2 "free" registrations

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