



# Horseshoe Crab Conference

Saturday, April 17, 2010

9:30 AM–3 PM

A gathering of scientists and citizens  
hosted by Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary

This **free** conference is open to the public and will feature presentations by local experts and provide results of current horseshoe crab research on Cape Cod and highlight horseshoe crab biology, their role in the environment, population status, and related issues surrounding their management, harvest and conservation.

Additionally, Wellfleet Bay will be recruiting volunteers to help with spawning censuses and a tagging project in Wellfleet Harbor. Details on how to get involved with this project will also be shared.

- 9:30–9:45 AM      **Arrival and Refreshments, View Exhibits & Posters**
- 9:45–10 AM      **Opening Remarks:** Bob Prescott, Wellfleet Bay Sanctuary &  
Brenda Boleyn, Committee for the Conservation of Horseshoe Crabs
- 10–10:45 AM      **The Biology, Development and Ecology of Horseshoe Crabs**  
Dr. Dan Gibson, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- 10:50–11:25 AM      **Managing the Horseshoe Crab Fishery: Current Perspective & Regulations**  
Vincent Malkoski, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries
- 11:30 AM–12:10 PM      **Mortality in Female Horseshoe Crabs from Biomedical Bleeding and Handling:  
Implications for Fisheries Management**  
Alison Leschen, Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
- 12:15–12:45 PM      **Lunch Break**  
Time to view exhibits and posters.  
Bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks and dessert provided.
- 12:45–1:25 PM      **Results from Censusing , Tagging and Juvenile Surveys in Wellfleet Harbor**  
Sarah Martinez & Katherine Terkanian, Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
- 1:30–2:10 PM      **Movement Patterns and Spawning Dynamics of Horseshoe Crabs in Pleasant Bay**  
Mary-Jane James-Pirri, University of Rhode Island
- 2:15–2:30 PM      **Next Steps: Goals for Research and Conservation Efforts**  
Bob Prescott, Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
- 2:30–3 PM      **Final Questions & Volunteer Recruitment**

To register contact the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary at 508-349-2615 or [wellfleet@massaudubon.org](mailto:wellfleet@massaudubon.org)