

2026 State of Wellfleet Harbor Conference – 24th Annual

Saturday November 14, 2026

8:45 am – 1:00 pm

Nauset Regional High School

100 Cable Road, Eastham, MA 02642

CONFERENCE AGENDA

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| 8:45 | Doors Open |
| 8:45-9:15 | Check-in, coffee and pastries, poster viewing |
| 9:15-9:25 | Welcome & Opening Remarks
Sara Grady, Conference Moderator
Lecia McKenna, Conservation Agent, Town of Wellfleet |
| 9:25-9:45 | Analysis of Wellfleet Harbor Environmental Water Quality Data
John Brawley, Environmental Consultant, with grant support from Wellfleet Oyster Alliance |
| 9:50-10:10 | Spat Settlement Study in the Herring River
Patrick Temple, Coastal Restoration Project Manager, Cape Cod Conservation District |
| 10:15-10:35 | Duck Harbor breach and over washes lead to shift in invertebrate and shellfish habitat in Herring River
Annalicea Melite, Scientist in Parks, Cape Cod National Seashore and Conservation Legacy |
| 10:40-11:00 | Toward an acoustic dolphin mass stranding alert system in Wellfleet Harbor
Laela Sayigh, Senior Research Specialist, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution |
| 11:05-11:25 | Break - poster viewing & networking/visiting |
| 11:25-11:35 | Herring River Restoration Project
Christa Drew, Executive Director, Friends of Herring River |
| 11:40-12:00 | Cyanobacteria bloom trends in Cape Cod National Seashore ponds
Kate Holland, Scientist in Parks, Cape Cod National Seashore and Conservation Legacy |
| 12:05-12:25 | An interdisciplinary approach to the restoration of Fresh Brook, Wellfleet
Geoff Sanders, Chief of Natural Resource Management & Science, Cape Cod Natl. Seashore |
| 12:30-12:50 | Diadromous Fish in Wellfleet Harbor and Cape Cod Bay
Brad Chase, Senior Fisheries Biologist, Diadromous Project, Division of Marine Fisheries |
| 12:55-1:00 | Closing Remarks
Sara Grady |