

Rhode Island's Coastal Salt Ponds and YOU: A Public Education Series



What happens in our coastal salt ponds, past and present?

Do you have concerns and feel there are few forums to share them?

Do you want to learn more about shellfish farming (aquaculture) in Rhode Island?

Do you have questions about how a farm works, the lease process, or the growth of the industry?

Then please join us! Hear from experts, including a local historian, published salt pond ecologist, shellfish farmers, and legal professionals. Tour working shellfish farms, visit a shellfish nursery, and converse openly with community members, policy-makers, and researchers. Join us to learn about and discuss all aspects of shellfish farming in the Ocean State.

There will be more opportunities to tour a working shellfish farm, shellfish nursery, and engage with shellfish farmers on issues that matter to Rhode Island. Please check our website for details over the coming months.

<http://www.rismp.org/education/>

Events are hosted by the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography (URI GSO) Coastal Resources Center / Rhode Island Sea Grant, through a partnership grant from NOAA's National Sea Grant office, in collaboration with CRMC and Roger Williams University.

Scheduled Events (Free & Open to the Public)

The Power of Place: Historical Perspectives and Current Uses on Ninigret Pond

Joint presentation by: Pam Lyons (Charlestown Historical Society); Sarah Schumann (author of *Rhode Island's Shellfish Heritage: An Ecological History*); and Matt Behan (Behan Family Farms).

Monday February 22, 2016

5:30PM – 7:00PM

Kettle Pond Visitors Center, 50 Bend Road, Charlestown, RI



Our salt ponds are not just places where we live and play: They represent great historic, place-based value and hold stories from the past! With a focus on Ninigret pond, this talk will explore post-colonial pond life, feature historical maps and photographs, and examine critical contexts of a changing landscape and the growth of shellfish farming. Snacks & refreshments served. Please rsvp to Azure@crc.uri.edu.

Our Salt Pond Ecosystems and Shellfish: A Portrait of Point Judith Pond

Presented by Prentice K. Stout, author of *A Place of Quiet Waters: The History and Natural History of Point Judith and the Harbor of Refuge*.



Wednesday March 9, 2016

5:30PM – 7:00PM

Kettle Pond Visitors Center, 50 Bend Road, Charlestown, RI

There is a certain “wow” of youth spend on Point Judith Pond. Come view a short film produced for Audubon by noted local author, and Camp Fuller educator, Prentice Stout. What activities happen on the pond? What does the pond mean to you? What does the future hold? How does shellfish farming fit into this milieu? Come engage in an open discussion after the film on why Point Judith Pond – and all our salt ponds – are so vital and dear to our hearts. Snacks & refreshments served. Please rsvp to Azure@crc.uri.edu.

Riparian Privilege: Legal Aspects to Living along the Shoreline

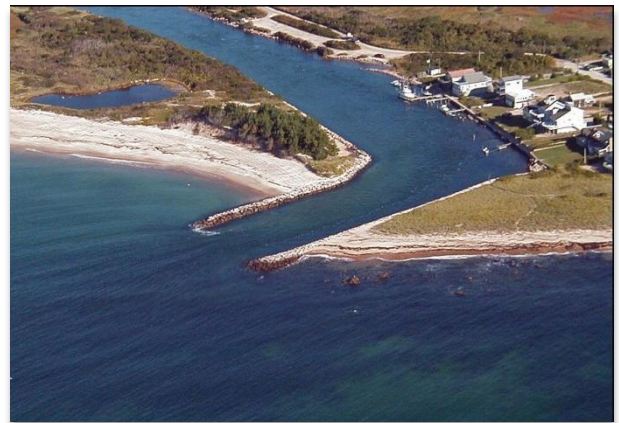
Presented by Dennis Esposito, Adjunct Professor at the Marine Affairs Institute and Director, Environmental and Land Use Clinical Externship Program at Roger Williams Law School.

Wednesday March 30, 2016

5:30PM – 7:00PM

Cross Mills Public Library, 4417 Old Post Road, Charlestown, RI

There are many benefits – and responsibilities – to living along Rhode Island’s magnificent shorelines. Whether along the salt ponds or the Bay, land owners and visitors can benefit from learning about the privileges and legal aspects of shoreline living & recreating. Viewed through the context of shellfish farming, this talk invites attendees to ask questions of a seasoned legal professional and enjoy a thoughtful group discussion on the growing shellfish farming industry in the community context. Snacks & refreshments served. Please rsvp to Azure@crc.uri.edu.



More information and summer events and field learning schedule is available at: <http://www.rismp.org/> or contact Azure Cygler at azure@crc.uri.edu or 401-874-6197 for more information.