

EduCom Report – for October 21, 2019 BoD Meeting – Lee Pulis

Educational Fish Ladder Playspace Proposal for World Fish Migration Day, May 16, 2020

No further feedback from David Gould except that he sent the playspace proposal on to NOAA and hasn't heard back. Since time is running out for timely professional and grant involvements, and getting our activity posted for international WFMD publicity, we can simply opt to repeat our previous activity, investigate borrowing or renting an inflatable like Camp Clark's, and then check for the future about interest at alternative public park sites that are within the watershed ACEC: Bourne herring run park, Elmer Raymond Park in Cedarville, or Hedges Pond.

Herring Run Observations – Pleased to see in Martha's report on the annual Herring Network meeting that the official electronic count at the canal for 2019 was reported as 526,929 – a 66% increase over the 2018 count of 316,618, and getting back much closer to the peak count recorded in the year 2000.

Of additional interest this month was Jim Smith's observation while taking a water quality sample **on Oct. 8 that thousands of juvenile herring were schooling upstream under the Carter's Rd bridge into Carter's River**. He watched for about a half hour and there was no letup. After we took the LHP spring water sample, Jim and I returned about an hour later and they were still streaming out of GHP toward LHP. Since they are typically thought to head out to sea, I took a brief video to show the rate, available here: <https://youtu.be/Ay2H8g4cwLQ>. Jim has informed DMF and Martha inquired of folks at the Herring Network meeting whether this was normal behavior.

Pine Barrens Partnership – Lee attended as the Steering Committee member representative of Partner organizations on Oct. 4. The meeting was hosted by SEMPBA at their new location at Center Hill Preserve. The facility is excellent, and a possible location for HPWA meetings or programming at a discounted rate as a PBP partner. Items of note are that MassAudubon's Tidmarsh Sanctuary surpassed 30,000 visitors last year, as measured by parking lot car counts, the 3rd highest visitation rate of all MassAudubon sites. Also they are no longer supporting their plant ID trail due to lack of usage, as measured by website hits. That returns Alper as the first and only such QR-coded educational Pine Barrens plant ID trail in the area.

Isoscape Project – Don, Brian, Jerry, and Lee are still collecting monthly well and surface water samples in coordination with Glorianna Davenport for analysis by Dr. David Boutt's project at UMASS Amherst. For info see: <https://www.umass.edu/newsoffice/article/researcher-asks-massachusetts-water>

Hometown Cleanup – Saturday, Oct. 26. Purple bags again available from Patrick Farah at Town Hall.

Join us to help keep Plymouth beautiful!

Plymouth Hometown
CLEANUP

Oct. 26. 19
all day
rain or shine

Where: Town-wide
Join an existing group, create your own, or go out solo and help clean-up a neighborhood, park or roadway that needs some attention.

If you want to join an existing group, a few are listed below. Otherwise, please contact Patrick Farah.

- **Pinehills/Beaver Dam Rd:** Contact psashman@gmail.com
- **Redbrook/Bourne Rd:** Contact vlangbn@gmail.com
- **Six Ponds:** Contact crussellongpond@aol.com
- Many more: check with your local neighborhood association

The Town offers purple bags which DPW will pick up from your drop location (preferably along a main road). Purple trash bags can be picked up at Town Hall (3rd floor).

Questions:
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In-kind Hours Reporting – As of September 30, we have reached the one-year mark since starting our BoD volunteer hours reporting period for grant purposes. Hopefully you are all on board and/or can catch up. Reports go to Linda White for compilation as potential HPWA in-kind match for grant applications. My updated report is attached to the email as a format example showing 511.5 hours of volunteer time for the one-year period, equivalent to a \$17,902 in-kind match at the typically accepted rate of \$35/hr. I suspect if you have not been faithfully logging, that your best estimate would still be useful for future use.

Website -- Minimal but key updates to the current site have been made, but looking forward to Beth's new website launch in the near future. One consideration discussed is preserving the active hyperlinks in the online version of the *Stewardship and Volunteer Action Guide*.

Facebook social media posts since last report: ([Social Media group to activate and report in the future](#))

All Facebook posts are public and viewable at:

<https://www.facebook.com/HerringPondWatershedAssociation/>

Oct 17: Ramona's post from River Herring Network annual meeting in Andover

Sep 29: Post of Hognose snake photos at north end of LHP

Sep 28: Beth's posts with videos and photos of the Sept. 26 General Mtg at Little Red Schoolhouse