

Harbor Herons & Other Waterbirds of the Greater NY/NJ Harbor Working Group

14th Annual Meeting, 11-12 December 2018

120 New York Avenue, Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, NY

Multi-purpose Room



Tuesday, December 11

9:00-9:30	SIGN-IN AND COFFEE
9:30-9:35	Welcome to Harbor Herons. Susan Elbin, <i>NYC Audubon</i> . selbin@nycaudubon.org and Nellie Tsipoura, <i>NJ Audubon Society</i> . Nellie.tsipoura@njudubon.org . co-chairs Harbor Herons Subcommittee
9:35-9:55	Updates from the Harbor Estuary Program. Isabelle Stinette, <i>Harbor Estuary Program</i> isabelle@hudsonriver.org
9:55-10:15	Update from Hackensack Riverkeeper, from Skimmers to Bald Eagles and More. Hugh Carola, <i>Hackensack Riverkeeper</i> hugh@hackensackriverkeeper.org
10:15-10:35	Jamaica Bay Perspectives Don Riepe, <i>Littoral Society, Jamaica Bay Guardian, NYC Audubon</i> . Donriepe@gmail.com
10:35-10:55	Black Skimmer Conservation Status in NY. Jason Smith, <i>NYS DEC region 2</i> , jason.smith@dec.ny.gov
10:55-11:10	 BREAK
11:10-11:30	Beach-nesting Shorebird Management on the Rockaway Beaches. Emily Liebert and Katrina Toal, <i>NYC Parks and Recreation Wildlife Unit</i> Emily.Liebert@parks.nyc.gov
11:30 -11:50	Plovers, Terns, and Shorebirds in Gateway (NY and NJ). Dana Filippini, <i>GNRA, National Park Service</i> . Dana_Filippini@nps.gov
11:50-12:10	American Oystercatcher Breeding Data in Breezy Point 2018. Emilio Tobon, <i>NYC Audubon</i> . etobon@nycaudubon.org
12:10-12:25	Updates from the Co-Op. Steve Sinkevich, <i>USFWS</i> . (Presented by Susan Elbin, <i>NYC Audubon</i> .) Steve_Sinkevich@fws.gov
12:25-1:15	 LUNCH
1:15-1:35	Long Island Piping Plover and Colonial Waterbird Surveys. Kevin Jennings, <i>NYS DEC Region 1</i> . kevin.jennings@dec.ny.gov
1:35-1:55	Audubon NY's Coastal Bird Program and Updates. Amanda Pachomski, <i>Audubon NY</i> . apachomski@audubon.org
1:55 – 2:15	 Updates on Beach-nesting Waterbirds, New Jersey. Christina Davis, <i>NJDEP</i> , and Emily Heiser, <i>Conserve Wildlife</i> (Presented by Nellie Tsipoura, <i>NJ Audubon</i>) Christina.Davis@dep.nj.gov
2:15-2:35	Stone Harbor, NJ: Beach Habitat Management for Nesting Birds. Nellie Tsipoura, <i>NJ Audubon Society</i> . Nellie.tsipoura@njudubon.org
2:35-2:55	Updates on American Oystercatchers and other Waterbirds in CT. Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe and Genevieve Nuttall. <i>Audubon Connecticut</i> . cfolsom-okeefe@audubon.org .
2:55-3:15	Report on the Outcomes from the American Oystercatcher Working Group. Emilio Tobon, <i>NYC Audubon</i> . etobon@nycaudubon.org and group discussion
3:15-3:30	BREAK
3:30-3:50	Local Movements of Herring Gulls in Urban Habitats by Herring Gull Colonies. Lesley Thorne, Matt Furst, and Dick Veit, <i>Stony Brook University</i> . lesley.thorne@stonybrook.edu
3:50-4:10	Jail Bird Update. Jeff Kolodinski. <i>Port Authority of NY and NJ</i> . jkolodzinski@panynj.gov
4:10-4:30	 Monitoring Roof-nesting Gulls. Discussion topic. Susan Elbin, <i>NYC Audubon</i> . selbin@nycaudubon.org
4:30-5:00	Discussion and Wrap Up. Include thoughts on the Waterbird Society meeting.

Wednesday, December 12



9:00-9:30	SIGN-IN AND COFFEE, Welcome and Introduction. Susan Elbin, <i>NYC Audubon & co-chair, Harbor Herons Subcommittee</i> Nellie Tsipoura, <i>NJ Audubon & co-chair, Harbor Herons Subcommittee</i>
9:30-9:50	Black Skimmers : Time for a new conservation status? Jason Smith, <i>NY DEC. jason.smith@dec.ny.gov</i>
9:50-10:10	NYC Audubon's Harbor Herons Program 30th Annual Survey. Tod Winston, <i>NYC Audubon/National Audubon. twinston@audubon.org</i>
10:10-10:30	Yellow-crowned Night-Herons in NJ. Nellie Tsipoura, <i>NJ Audubon. Nellie.tsipoura@njudubon.org</i>
10:30-10:50	Update on Saltmarsh and Upland Maritime Habitat Restoration Efforts. Georgina Cullman and Marit Larson. <i>NYC Parks and Recreation, Natural Resources Group. Georgina.Cullman@parks.nyc.gov</i>
10:50-11:10	Randalls Island: Harbor Herons Foraging Updates. Jennifer Adams, <i>Randalls Island Park Alliance. Jennifer.adams@randallsisland.org</i>
11:10-11:30	Massachusetts Inventory of Nesting Coastal/Colonial Waterbirds in 2018. Andrew Vitz and Carolyn Mostello, Mass. Fish and Wildlife. (Presented by Susan Elbin). <i>andrew.vitz@state.ma.us</i>
11:30-11:40	BREAK
11:40-12:10	The Origin of Banded Waterbirds Encountered in the Core Area of NY-NJ Harbor Estuary Program (HEP). Chip Weseloh and Jeff Costa, <i>Ontario Region Canadian Wildlife Service</i> <i>Chip.weseloh@canada.ca</i>
12:10-12:30	Checking in on Edward the Great Egret from Staten Island. Mike Allen and Nellie Tsipoura, <i>NJ Audubon Society. callen@scarletmail.rutgers.edu</i>
12:30-1:30	LUNCH (Harbor Herons Committee meeting)
1:30-1:55	Maximum and Daily Distance Traveled Among 13 Great Egrets: Annual and Seasonal Patterns. John Brzorad, <i>et al.</i> 1,000 Herons. <i>Snegman1@gmail.com</i>
1:55-2:15	Black Tern Satellite Tracking. <i>Dave Moore, Canadian Wildlife Service, dave.moores@canada.ca</i>
2:25-2:30	Update on Governors Island Terns. Susan Elbin, <i>NYC Audubon, selbin@nycaudubon.org</i>
2:30-2:55	Semipalmated Shorebirds and Nanotags. Kaitlyn Parkins and Debra Kriensky, <i>NYC Audubon. kparkins@nycaudubon.org</i>
2:55-3:15	Importance of Intertidal Habitat for Red Knots and Other Shorebirds. Joanna Burger, <i>Rutgers University. burger@biology.rutgers.edu</i>
3:15-3:35	Update. Rebirth of the Raritan River after Dam Removal. Carl Alderson, <i>NOAA Restoration Center. carl.alderson@noaa.gov</i>
3:35-3:45	BREAK
3:45-4:00	SCAW: Seabirds & Adjacent Waters Working Group. Report on the Meeting. Susan B. Elbin, <i>NYC Audubon. selbin@Nycaudubon.org</i>
4:00-4:20	Other Updates from the Region.
4:15-4:45	Open Discussion.