

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Rhode Island Natural History Survey Ecology of Rhode Island Conference

**Rhode Island's Off-Shore Marine Environment and the Potential Impacts of  
Alternative Energy Development**

April 23, 2009, Quonset O Club, North Kingstown, Rhode Island

- 7:30 Registration Open; Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 Introduction and Presentation of Distinguished Naturalist Awards  
William Whitman Bailey (posthumous)  
Accepted by Johanna Schmitt, Brown University, Presented by Fran Underwood  
Lisa Lofland Gould  
Presented by Marion Gold, Cooperative Extension Education Ctr., URI
- 9:00 Grover Fugate, Executive Director, Coastal Resources Management Council  
Welcome
- 9:15 Tony Fox, National Environment Research Institute, Denmark  
The Danish Experience with Birds and Off-Shore Wind
- 10:05 Break/Posters
- 10:25 Kristopher Winiarski, Department of Natural Resources Science, URI  
Assessing Rhode Island Sound's Near-shore and Off-shore Avian Resource for the Rhode  
Island Ocean Special Area Management Plan
- 10:45 Chris Rein, ESS Group, Inc.  
Offshore Wind and Birds—Avian Data Collection for The Cape Wind Energy Project
- 11:05 Jack Clarke, Massachusetts Audubon Society  
Birds and Cape Wind
- 11:50 Lunch
- 12:25 Address by Governor Donald L. Carcieri
- 12:45 Frank Thomsen, Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture, U.K.  
Fish, Mammals, and Underwater Sound
- 1:30 Stephen Hale, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Marine Benthic Communities Of Block Island And Rhode Island Sounds
- 1:50 Caroly Shumway, The Nature Conservancy  
Mapping Marine Habitats for Rhode Island and the Northwest Atlantic: A First Step in  
Marine Spatial Planning
- 2:10 Les Kaufman, Boston University  
Fish Behavior and Habitat
- 2:50 Break/Posters
- 3:05 Meredith Blaydes Lilley, Center for Carbon-free Power Integration, University of Delaware  
The Effect of Offshore Wind Power on Coastal Tourism
- 3:25 Megan E. Higgins, Marine Affairs Institute, Roger Williams University School of Law  
The Legal and Policy Issues Regarding Permitting Offshore Renewable Energy Projects
- 3:45 Rodney Cluck, U.S. Minerals Management Service
- 4:25 Close; Quonset O Club Lounge remains open