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ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Richard Cronin Building, Room 108 (the Southeast Conference Room)
Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Westborough MA**

Agenda

- 9:00-9:30 **Registration, Coffee and Conservation Chat with Colleagues**
- 9:30-9:45 **Welcome, Jack Buckley, Director, DFW**
- 9:45-10:45 **Conservation Land Management- Case Studies in Applied Science**, Jon Regosin, Chief of Conservation Science, and Caren Caljouw, Habitat Biologist, MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
- 10:45-11:00 **Break**
- 11:00-11:45 **The Massachusetts Wildlife Climate Action Tool: Inspiring Local on-the-ground Adaptation** Kathleen Theoharides, Consultant; Conservation Commissioner, Town of Grafton and Scott Jackson, Research and Extension Professor, Dept. of Environmental Conservation, UMass Amherst
- 11:45-1:00 **Annual meeting and Lunch**
- 1:00-2:00 **The Massachusetts State Wildlife Action Plan: Conserving Biodiversity in a Changing Climate**, Lynn Harper, Habitat Protection Specialist, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
- 2:00-3:00 **Concurrent Field Component**
1. American Chestnut Project at DFW's Wayne F. MacCallum WMA **OR**
2. "Behind the Scenes" Tour of LEED Platinum Headquarters Facility

See pages 2 and 3 for more details!

Cost: \$15 per current MSMCP member (paid FY16 dues), \$25 per non-member, FY17 membership is \$20 per town, valid July 1, 2016 -June 30, 2017

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In the face of changing land-uses and other threats, active habitat management is increasingly important for maintaining native plants and animals across the landscape. Understanding natural community ecology and the biology of target species is important for designing habitat restoration projects and for broader municipal land-use planning. The speakers will present case studies of habitat restoration projects and examples of how habitat considerations can be applied to subdivision design and broader scale land-use planning.

The Massachusetts Wildlife Climate Action Tool: Inspiring Local on-the-ground Adaptation, Kathleen Theoharides, Consultant; Conservation Commissioner, Town of Grafton and Scott Jackson, Research and Extension Professor, Dept. of Environmental Conservation, UMass Amherst

The Massachusetts Wildlife Climate Action Tool is designed to inform and inspired local action to protect the Commonwealth's natural resources in a changing climate. With this tool, conservation commissioners can: 1) access information on climate change impacts and vulnerabilities of fish and wildlife species and associated habitats; 2) explore adaptation actions to maintain resilient natural communities, such as culvert replacements, amendments to local bylaws, forestry practices, and land protection strategies based on location and interest. In this session, we will provide an overview of the Climate Action Tool, discuss on-the-ground uses with participants, and seek input on additional content to include as we continue to improve the Tool.

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The Massachusetts State Wildlife Action Plan: Conserving Biodiversity in a Changing Climate, Lynn Harper, Habitat Protection Specialist, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

The Massachusetts State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) describes 570 plants and animals designated as species of greatest conservation need in the state, the 24 habitats that support these species, the threats to those species and habitats, and the actions needed to conserve the species and their habitats. While the SWAP was produced by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, it is a plan that all conservation entities can follow, as it was compiled with significant public input and incorporates many of the substantial, on-going conservation efforts by the entire conservation community. The highest priority recommended actions are land protection and habitat management; the Division's method of prioritizing its own land acquisitions will be described in some detail.

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Dietary issues (vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, lactose free?) We will make every reasonable effort to accommodate you. Circle if appropriate.

Current FY16 member Admission \$15.00 (paid FY16 dues)

Non-member Admission \$25.00 (Con com members, other environmental organization etc.)

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