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NOAA Celebrates Completion of Salt Marsh and Fish Passage Restoration Project

Eric Schwaab, assistant NOAA administrator for NOAA's Fisheries Service, will join with state and local partners to celebrate the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-funded project to restore a salt marsh and enhance a herring run on Cape Cod at the project site in Brewster, Mass. The restoration project is being implemented by the town of Brewster.

WHAT: Media event and site tour

WHO: Speakers include:
Eric Schwaab, assistant NOAA administrator for NOAA's Fisheries Service
Congressman William Keating, U.S. Representative, 10th District
Philip Griffiths, Environment Undersecretary, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
State Senator Dan Wolf
State Representative Cleon Turner
Edward Lewis, Chair of the Board of Selectmen, town of Brewster
Maggie Geist, Executive Director, The Association to Preserve Cape Cod
Michael Lach, Trustee, Cape Cod Museum of Natural History

WHEN: Monday, April 25, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. ET

WHERE: Cape Cod Museum of Natural History
869 Main Street
Brewster, Mass. 02631

DIRECTIONS: See [Google map](#).

BACKGROUND: The Stony Brook Salt Marsh and Fish Passage Restoration project replaced an undersized and deteriorating three-foot culvert on state route 6A with a larger 18-foot box culvert. This facilitated natural tidal flow and improved fish passage. The increased tidal flow will restore 20 acres of salt marsh and 3,000 feet of stream habitat. This will also allow herring greater access to nearly 400 acres of prime spawning habitat and help decrease the area of non-native plant species on the marsh surface. The project received \$1.65 million in funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.