Schedule of Presentations

Friday, March 23, 2018

8:00 - 9:00 Registration / set up
9:00 - 9:10 Welcoming Remarks: Tim Green, Environmental Compliance Manager, Brookhaven National Laboratory
9:10 - 9:50 Whales of New York City and the Return of the Humpback Whale
Paul L. Siewers, President, CEO, Gotham Whale
9:50 - 10:30 Atlantic Sturgeon: Life History, Management and Research
Kim McKown, NYSDEC, Marine Invertebrate and Protected Resources Unit
10:30 - 10:50 BREAK / POSTER SESSION
10:50 – 12:10 WORKSHOP: Nature Observation, Journaling and Citizen Science
Calie Velmachos, artist, naturalist and Cybertracker level III reading track & sign certification. [NOTE: pre-register at calieverde@gmail.com]
10:50 - 11:30 Long Island’s Coastal Plain Ponds: A Unique Ecosystem Under Threat
Steve Young, Chief Botanist, New York Natural Heritage Program
11:30 - 12:10 The Very Last Timber Rattlesnake
Ted Levie, naturalist and writer, author of “America’s Snake: The Rise and Fall of the Timber Rattlesnake.”
12:10 - 1:30 LUNCH
[BYO lunch or purchase lunch at the BNL cafeteria]
1:30 - 2:10 New York Seagrass Conservation Activities
Soren Dahl, NYSDEC
2:10 - 2:50 Restoring Oyster Reefs in Hempstead Bay: Methods, Results and Future Directions
James P. Browne Ph.D., Dept. of Conservation and Waterways, Town of Hempstead
2:50 - 3:30 Conservation Updates
2:50 – 3:00 Bald Eagles: Kevin Jennings (NYSDEC)
3:00 – 3:10 River Otters: Mike Bottini (L.I. Nature Organization)
3:10 – 3:20 New York State River Otter Survey: Leslie Lupo (NYSDEC)
3:20 – 3:30 Coyotes: Frank Vincenti (Wild Dog Foundation)
3:30 - 4:30 Open Discussion / closing remarks

Saturday, March 24, 2018

8:00 - 9:00 Registration / set up
9:00 - 9:10 Welcoming Remarks: Tim Green, Environmental Compliance Manager, Brookhaven National Laboratory
9:10 - 9:50 The Future of Brook Trout in Long Island: Long Term Thinking
Christopher Aigner, President of Long Island Chapter of Trout Unlimited
9:50 - 10:30 White-tailed Deer Biology and Monitoring Methods for Landowners
Sue Booth-Binczik, Ph.D., NYSDEC
10:30 - 10:50 BREAK
10:50 – 12:10 WORKSHOP: Smartphone Nature Photography
Erin Gettler, author of the Birdwatcher’s Digest Butterflies Backyard Guide
[NOTE: limited to 20; pre-register at eringettler@yahoo.com]
10:50 - 11:30 Bat Conservation on Long Island and the Case of the Northern Long-eared Bat (Myotis septentrionalis)
Samantha Hoff, Hofstra, NYSDEC and University at Albany
11:30 - 12:00 Conservation Updates
11:30 – 11:40 Diamondback Terrapins: Russ Burke (Hofstra)
11:40 – 11:50 Horseshoe Crabs: John Turner (Seatuck)
11:50 – 12:00 White Sharks: Frank Quevedo (South Fork Natural History Museum / SoFo)
12:00 – 12:10 Plum Island: Louise Harrison (Preserve Plum Island Coalition)
12:10 - 1:30 LUNCH [NOTE: BNL’s cafeteria is closed on Saturday. We will have box lunches available for sale; or BYO lunch]
1:30 - 2:10 Fire Island’s Red Foxes and Their Impacts on Piping Plovers
Sarah Karpany, Ph.D., Virginia Tech
2:10 - 2:50 Long Island’s Goatsuckers: Whip-poor-will, Chuck-will’s-widow, and Common Nighthawk
John Turner, Seatuck Environmental Association
2:50 – 3:30 Tracking Spotted Turtles Over the Year
Mike Bottini, Long Island Nature Organization
3:30 - 4:00 Open Discussion / closing remarks