

Indicators for Narragansett Bay Region WORKSHOP AGENDA

Invasive Species

Wednesday, December 15 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Save the Bay

Project Goal: To develop a suite of specific environmental indicators that can be used to:

1. Describe Bay and watershed conditions in an easily understood format to use in communication with the public;
2. Ensure accountability and track progress in achieving environmental and management goals set forth in the integrated plan for the Narragansett Bay region;
3. Provide a basis for refining environmental monitoring strategies to ensure information needed for sustainable management of the Bay and its watershed is available.

Goals for this workshop:

1. Develop consensus around communicating **invasive species** to the public on Earth Day 2011
2. Identify monitoring and research priorities for advancing an indicator of invasive species in the Narragansett Bay watershed

9:00 AM	Welcome and introductions	(Judith Swift)
9:05 AM	Project Goals	(Q Kellogg, Meg Kerr)
9:15 AM	Invasive species indicators used in other states/countries	(Lesley Lambert)
9:30 AM	What is our definition of invasive species?	(David Gregg, Hope Leeson)
10:00 AM	Case studies of invasive species in Rhode Island	(David Gregg, Hope Leeson & others)
11:00 AM	Review invasive species indicator matrix & discuss	
11:30 AM	Communicating about invasive species on Earth Day 2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matrix• General statements?	
12:00 PM	Adjourn	

(Lunch will be provided at an appropriate break during the meeting)