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Oyster Reef Building Event

By Beth Freiday

On Saturday, April 4, 2015, biologists from the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program in New Jersey participated in an oyster reef building event that involved over 100 volunteers. The oyster reef is designed to attenuate waves to provide sheltered waters for spawning horseshoe crabs. The goal is to maximize egg production to benefit red knot. Three study treatments have been incorporated into the design to learn how the varying reef and rack displays may influence horseshoe crab movement: 1. single shore-parallel reef; 2. double row shore-parallel reef; 3. typical aquaculture rack display without reef protection. Partners on the project include the American Littoral Society and the Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ. Congressional District 2. Photo of completed reef by Beth Freiday.





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NRDAR Restoration Project Collaboration Meeting

By Eric Schradung

Eric Schradung, Clay Stern, and Melissa Foster participated in a day-long meeting on April 14, 2015, with co-trustees (NOAA and the State of New Jersey) and respective legal counsels to discuss the status of, and restoration options for, several NRDAR cases. The meeting was part of an on-going effort to collaboratively identify and prioritize potential restoration projects in northern New Jersey and align those projects with case-specific injuries and available restoration funds. Congressional District: All



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Good Day for a Selfie!



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