



# 2018 Conservation Film Festival

at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge



## FRIDAY, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 p.m.	<p><b><i>Sacred Cod</i></b>          Filmmakers: Steve Liss, Andy Laub, and David Abel (2016; Runtime: 65 mins.)</p> <p>Sacred Cod chronicles the collapse of the historic cod fishery in the waters off New England in the United States. Scientists and environmental advocates have attributed the collapse to overfishing, climate change, and government mismanagement. Many of the fishermen — who are losing their livelihoods and way of life as the species have declined — have argued that the science is wrong and have protested government policies that have banned them in recent years from fishing for cod. Sacred Cod features interviews with fishermen and their families, along with scientists, advocates, and federal officials who warn about the risks of overfishing and climate change and say that the plight of cod could be a harbinger for fish around the world. The film tells a complex story that shows how one of the greatest fisheries on the planet has been driven to the edge of commercial extinction, while providing suggestions about how consumers can help support sustainable fisheries.</p> <p>Trailer: <a href="http://www.sacredcodfilm.com/sceneselects/">http://www.sacredcodfilm.com/sceneselects/</a></p>
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## SATURDAY, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:30 a.m.	<p><b><i>Conservation Video Shorts</i></b></p> <p>A Ghost in the Making: Searching for the Rusty-Patched Bumble Bee (2017; Runtime: 19 mins)          Trailer: <a href="https://vimeo.com/163170870">https://vimeo.com/163170870</a></p> <p>Bluebird Man (2014; Runtime: 28 mins.)          Trailer: <a href="https://vimeo.com/ondemand/bluebirdman/62912232">https://vimeo.com/ondemand/bluebirdman/62912232</a></p> <p>The Last Dragons – Protecting Appalachia’s Hellbenders (2014; Runtime: 10 mins.)          Trailer: <a href="https://vimeo.com/105841657">https://vimeo.com/105841657</a></p> <p>Fix and Release (turtle rehabilitation) (2017; Runtime: 16 mins.)          Trailer: <a href="https://vimeo.com/218526485">https://vimeo.com/218526485</a></p> <p>Monarchs: The Milkweed Mission (2016; Runtime: 9 mins.)          Trailer: <a href="https://vimeo.com/181882317">https://vimeo.com/181882317</a></p>
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## Lunch Break

1:00 p.m.	<p><b><i>Walden</i></b>          Filmmakers: Erik Ewers, Christopher Loren Ewers, Julie Coffman, and David Blistein (2017; Runtime: 20 mins.)</p> <p>“On July 4, 1845, Henry David Thoreau moved to the secluded shore of Walden Pond and planted the seeds of the modern environmental movement. He wrote constantly about the interaction of nature and man—observations that today implore us to rethink our dependence on wealth and material possessions, to revisit what it means to be governed and to reevaluate our relationship with the natural world.” This documentary short was in conjunction with The Walden Woods Project.</p> <p>Trailer: <a href="https://vimeo.com/ewersbrothers/review/240196293/203a810d73">https://vimeo.com/ewersbrothers/review/240196293/203a810d73</a></p>
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1:30 p.m.	<p><b><i>Chasing Coral</i></b>          Filmmakers: Jeff Orlowski and Larissa Rhodes (2017; Runtime: 1 hr, 33 mins.)</p> <p>Coral reefs around the world are vanishing at an unprecedented rate. A team of divers, photographers and scientists set out on a thrilling ocean adventure to discover why and to reveal the underwater mystery to the world.</p> <p>Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6fHA9R2cKI&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6fHA9R2cKI&amp;feature=youtu.be</a></p>
3:30 p.m.	<p><b><i>Little Striker: A Film About the Least Tern</i></b>          Filmmaker: Michael Hoel (2017; Runtime: 45 mins.)</p> <p>This film, made a by a local filmmaker from Salisbury, MA, chronicles the “life and times” of the least tern, a shorebird that breeds in the same coastal habitat as the (perhaps) better known piping plover. <b>Note: The filmmaker will be on hand to introduce the film and answer questions.</b></p>
<b>Dinner Break</b>	
6:30 p.m.	<p><b><i>The Gladesmen: The Last of the Sawgrass Cowboys</i></b>          Filmmakers: David Abel and Andy Laub (2017; Runtime: 1 hr. 26 mins.)</p> <p>“GLADESMEN: The Last of the Sawgrass Cowboys” is a feature-length documentary about the federal government’s ban on Florida’s iconic airboats in much of the Everglades. The measure is part of the world’s largest effort to repair a damaged ecosystem, a vast river of grass that has been ravaged by more than a century of development, pollution, and other environmental degradation. The outcome will determine the future of the region’s water supply, and its ability to withstand rising sea levels. It may also lead to the demise of the Gladesmen.</p> <p><b>Note: Filmmaker David Abel will introduce the film and answer audience questions following the screening.</b></p> <p>Trailer: <a href="https://gladesmenfilm.com/trailer/">https://gladesmenfilm.com/trailer/</a></p>

**SUNDAY, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m.	<p><b><i>Walden</i></b>          Filmmakers: Erik Ewers, Christopher Loren Ewers, Julie Coffman, and David Blistein (2017; Runtime: 20 mins.)</p> <p>“On July 4, 1845, Henry David Thoreau moved to the secluded shore of Walden Pond and planted the seeds of the modern environmental movement. He wrote constantly about the interaction of nature and man—observations that today implore us to rethink our dependence on wealth and material possessions, to revisit what it means to be governed and to reevaluate our relationship with the natural world.” This documentary short was created for the visitor’s center at Walden Pond (in Concord, MA).</p> <p>Trailer: <a href="https://vimeo.com/ewersbrothers/review/240196293/203a810d73">https://vimeo.com/ewersbrothers/review/240196293/203a810d73</a></p>
10:30 a.m.	<p><b><i>Million Dollar Duck</i></b>          Filmmaker: Brian Davis Runtime: 71 mins.</p> <p><i>The Million Dollar Duck</i> is a documentary that focuses on the strange and wonderful world of the Federal Duck Stamp Contest, the only juried, art competition run by the U.S. government. This film explores the eccentric nature of the contestants who enter each year for a chance at wildlife art stardom, while also reflecting upon the history and challenges facing the continued existence of this successful conservation program.</p> <p>Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ul6NQ23x_Q8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ul6NQ23x_Q8</a></p>

<b>Lunch Break</b>	
1:00 p.m.	<p><b><i>Arctic Wolf Pack</i></b>            Filmmakers: Barbara Doran, Tom Synnatzschke, Alain Lusignan            (2017; 60 mins.)</p> <p>At the very northern edge of North America is Ellesmere Island, where the unforgiving Arctic winds tear through the tundra, dipping temperatures to 40 below zero. Running through this shifting sea of snow and ice is one of the most hardened predators on the planet, the White Wolf. But as the spring melt approaches, these roaming hunters must adapt to being tethered parents as new additions to the pack have just been born. With their herds of prey continuing to move, we witness a desperate race to keep up and bring back a kill to the hungry mothers and cubs. Traveling farther and farther away from their den each day puts these hunters and their children at risk in this fight for survival.</p> <p>Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PU4vk3lOzJ8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PU4vk3lOzJ8</a></p>
2:15 p.m.	<p><b><i>Saving Jamaica Bay</i></b>            Filmmakers: David Sigal and Dan Hendrick (2016; Runtime: 1 hr., 17 mins.)</p> <p>Saving Jamaica Bay tells the story of how one community fought government inaction and overcame Hurricane Sandy to clean up and restore the largest open space in New York City, which had become a dumping ground for garbage, sewage and bullet-riddled mobsters. Narrated by actress Susan Sarandon, the film includes interviews with the community activists who led the fight, and state and city officials.</p> <p>Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&amp;v=SNFBWKdM5s8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&amp;v=SNFBWKdM5s8</a></p>
3:45 p.m.	<p><b><i>2018 Refuge Photo Contest Winners Announced!</i></b></p>

***All film screenings will take place at the Parker River National Wildlife visitor center, located at 6 Plum Island Turnpike in Newburyport, MA. All screenings are free. There is NO preregistration for this event. Spaces in the 85 seat auditorium will be filled on a first come, first served basis. The refuge phone number is (978) 465-5753.***

***Parker River web site: [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/parker\\_river/](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/parker_river/)***