

Fisheries Restoration in Maine: A Closer Look at River Herring

SOUTHWEST HARBOR – The Downeast Salmon Federation will give a talk at Southwest Harbor Public Library, Tuesday evening, September 19, 5:30 about the importance of river herring to the ecology of freshwater, estuarine, and other marine environments.

River herring – alewives and blueback herring – tie our ocean, rivers and lakes together, while providing essential nutrients and food needed to sustain healthy watersheds. Here in Maine harvesters and volunteers have contributed countless hours to the restoration of river herring. Many organizations and individuals are partnering to rebuild fish ladders, open stream passage, conduct population estimates and much more to help our river herring return. Hear about efforts to monitor and restore alewife runs in Maine’s rivers and streams and how healthy native fisheries tie our communities to the sea.

Downeast Salmon Federation’s mission is to conserve wild Atlantic salmon, other sea-run fish and their habitats, restore a viable recreational salmon fishery, and protect other important river, scenic, recreational, and ecological resources in eastern Maine. For more information about DSF, visit www.mainesalmonrivers.org. For more information about Tuesday’s program, please call the Library at 244-7065.