

2018 WORLD FISH MIGRATION DAY

Thursday, May 3, 2018

NOAA Fish Biologist Eric Hutchins leads walking tour

## *20 Years of Fisheries Restoration on Town Brook*

Tour from 11:00am to 12:30 pm  
Meet at the Plimoth Grist Mill

*Please contact Helen Torres at 978-281-9183 to register for Town Brook Restoration Tour.*

PLIMOTH  
PLANTATION



*Plimoth Grist Mill, reconstructed on the original 1636 site. River herring provided food for early settlers as well as ocean fish. In the 20th century spring fish runs dwindled to dangerous lows.*

*Since 2002, concerned citizens, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, NOAA and many partner organizations worked to provide necessary habitat for fish populations to recover.*

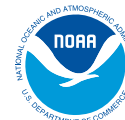
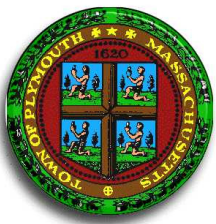
The National Marine Fisheries Service has been working cooperatively with the Town of Plymouth and many other project partners since 1997 to restore migratory fish passage and the aquatic habitat of Town Brook. This walking tour will include 4 completed dam removal projects, 2 fish ladders as well as special attention to the upcoming removal of Holmes Dam which will take place in the summer of 2018.



Eric Hutchins, a fisheries restoration biologist with the NOAA Restoration Center has spent over 25 years working to restore aquatic habitats necessary to support marine fisheries in the Gulf of Maine region. His work has included supporting dozens of dam removals, marsh restoration, fish ladders and local stewardship projects. During this demonstration, Eric will present the life cycle and ecological role of American eels, alewife, blueback herring, and rainbow smelt. Included in this event are American eels and river herring, live and up close!

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*Thanks to the Town of Plymouth and NOAA Fisheries Restoration Center for supporting this event.*



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