

Last of the Right Whales Documentary Screening and Panel Discussion with Members of the North Atlantic Right Whale Consortium

Free and Open to the Public Audubon Nature Center and Aquarium, Bristol, RI September 22, 2022; 7:00 pm

North Atlantic right whales are dying faster than they can reproduce. With just over 330 remaining in our oceans, these great whales rarely die of natural causes. Instead, they are run over by ships or suffer lethal injuries from fishing gear. If we don't act to protect them, in 20 years they could be extinct.

Join Audubon for a screening of the award-winning documentary Last of the Right Whales and panel discussion with local biologists and experts on the plight of this endangered whale that summers off the Coast of New England.

From the only known calving grounds to the shifting feeding grounds, Last of the Right Whales follows the North Atlantic right whale migration and the people committed to saving a species still struggling to recover from centuries of hunting. Now climate change is forcing right whales further north in search of food, putting them on a collision course with deadly ships and fishing gear.

With unprecedented access to film the whale migration, Last of the Right Whales brings a message of hope about the most at-risk great whale on the planet.

After the documentary join Audubon for a Q&A panel discussion with members of the North Atlantic Right Whale Consortium: Dr. Robert Kenney, Professor Emeritus, University of Rhode Island; Captain Thomas Fetherston, US Navy-retired; Regina Asmutis-Silva, Executive Director, Whale and Dolphin Conservation; and Anne DiMonti, Director, Audubon Society of Rhode Island Nature Center and Aquarium.

New fishing technology will also be demonstrated. Ropeless or On-Demand Fishing has been developed to help save the North Atlantic right whales and other whale species from entanglement in fishing gear.

Note: Screening and panel discussion are free and open to the public; **reservations are required** and donations welcome. For details and to register, visit the events calendar at <u>asri.org/calendar</u>. This program is not recommended for young children.

Documentary produced by HitPlay Productions.