

It's that time of year again!

The Mashpee Conservation Dept is seeking volunteers to conduct herring counts at the Mashpee and Quashnet Rivers. The counts are easy to do and we supply you with everything you'll need to conduct the counts. Here's how it works:

- Full training is provided for all volunteers
- A designated location is established to conduct herring counts at each location (Quashnet, Santuit and Mashpee Herring runs)
- Counts last for 10 minutes and you can sign up to do as many counts as you'd like from dawn till dusk, 7 days a week
- Counting kits, which include data sheets, a thermometer, string and a hand counting clicker will be established in an area to be determined at each herring run
- Count the number of herring that pass over a designated area in a run for 10 minutes and record the data on the data sheet. The thermometer is used to record the water and air temperatures and there is a section on the data sheet for other observations, such as wildlife or other notable observations.
- All the data gets sent to the Association for the Preservation of Cape Cod for the purposes of establishing the health of herring runs and to establish population estimates.

Training will begin at a date/time to be announced. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer herring counter this year, please contact me at 508-539-1400 X8538 or e-mail me at kcadoret@mashpeeema.gov

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