

# 2023 NORTHEAST AQUATIC BIOLOGISTS CONFERENCE

HOTEL 1620 – PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> – 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

Thank you for registering for the 2023 Northeast Aquatic Biologists Conference! The 2023 NAB Planning Team has worked hard to provide an engaging conference in the safest way possible for all of our attendees. Please review the information below to arrive prepared and ready to abide by our safety protocols.

## WHAT TO BRING

- ❑ **Your proof of vaccination.** You will be required to present this at the registration table. Accepted proof of vaccination includes the original vaccination card, a printed copy of the vaccination card, or a digital photograph of the vaccination card. Guests are considered fully vaccinated if they have received their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna or their single-dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- ❑ **Your protective face mask (optional).** Please keep yourself and your fellow attendees as safe as possible. Disposable face masks will be available at the registration desk.
- ❑ **Your own printed copy of the agenda and other meeting materials, if needed.** In an effort to make the NAB Conference as environmentally friendly as possible, all conference materials are posted on our website: [www.neiwpcc.org/nabconference](http://www.neiwpcc.org/nabconference). We will not be distributing paper copies at the registration desk. Large agenda posters and scannable QR codes will be available throughout the conference for use with cellphones or tablets. The hotel wifi and password will be given to you at the conference registration desk and throughout the session rooms.

## ARRIVING PREPARED

- ✓ The Pre-Conference Workshop requires registration in advance – if you'd like to add this to your registration, please email [mdugan@neiwpcc.org](mailto:mdugan@neiwpcc.org). The workshop begins promptly at 9:00am and ends at 12:00noon on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ NAB Conference sessions begin at 1:00pm on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Did you make your own hotel/lodging reservation?
- ✓ Do you have a ride? Carpooling is highly encouraged.
- ✓ Do you know where to go?  
[Hotel 1620](#)  
180 Water St, Plymouth, MA 02360  
(508) 747-4900
- ✓ Parking is available and free to NAB attendees at Hotel 1620 in the lot adjacent to the hotel.
- ✓ **Have you checked the weather?** The social event at [Anna's Harborside Grille](#) is a short ~3-minute walk from the hotel; please prepare accordingly.

## WHAT TO EXPECT AT CHECK-IN

- ◆ You'll find our registration table open by 8:00am each morning. **Please have your proof of vaccination handy to present to a NEIWPC employee on your first day of arrival.**
- ◆ Upon confirmation, you will receive your nametag; **keep this with you at all times, as it indicates your vaccination status has been verified.**
- ◆ You will also receive your NAB Conference T-shirt.

## SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- ◆ **Vaccines:** All conference attendees **must be fully vaccinated to attend; attendees will not be permitted to participate in the NAB Conference without providing proof of vaccination.** Following the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) guidance, people are considered "fully vaccinated" either two weeks after they receive their second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after they receive their single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine. Boosters, though not required, are highly encouraged and recommended. Accepted proof of vaccination includes the original vaccination card, a printed copy of the vaccination card, or a digital photograph of the vaccination card. To protect confidential information, NEIWPC will not maintain copies of these documents, and any records provided will be discarded.
- ◆ **Protective facemasks** will be available at the registration desk should you want to use them.

## NETWORKING & SOCIAL EVENTS

- ◆ We have a variety of opportunities available to conference attendees to safely get to know and reconnect with each other. The first of these is an evening social, including hors d'oeuvres and cash bar and beginning **Wednesday at 5:00pm to 7:00pm** at [Anna's Harborside Bar & Grille](#).  
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145 Water St, Plymouth, MA 02360

#### Directions

- Exhibitors will be set up in the area across from the Regency session spaces each day. We encourage you to network with our exhibitors during your breaks and downtime and thank them for supporting the NAB Conference.
- Breakfast will be available in the Atlantic room Thursday and Friday morning at 8:00am.
- Lunch will be served for all attendees in the Atlantic room Thursday afternoon at 12:00noon.
- The Poster Session will begin in the exhibitor area Thursday evening at 4:30pm and include light appetizers and cash bar.
- After the Poster Session, all attendees are invited to join us in the Atlantic room **Thursday evening at 6:00pm** for the NAB Conference Banquet and Awards.

#### IN THE AREA

- ❖ **Salt Restaurant:** open from 4:30-9:30pm; closed Tuesday. (1 min walk)
- ❖ **Blue-Eyed Crab Caribbean Grill & Rum Bar:** open Wednesday & Thursday 4:00-9:00pm & Friday 12:00noon-9:00pm. (2 min walk)
- ❖ **Local Roots:** open 7:00am-3:00pm. (2 min walk)
- ❖ **Waterfront Bar & Grille:** open 11:00am-10:00pm. (2 min walk)
- ❖ **Tavern on the Wharf:** open 11:00am-12:00midnight; kitchen closes @ 10:00pm. (3 min walk)
- ❖ **Cupcake Charlie's:** open 11:00am-6:00pm. (3 min walk)
- ❖ **The Pretentious Pickle:** open 10:00am-4:00pm; closed Tuesday. \*so many pickles!\* (2 min walk)
- ❖ **Plymouth Rock:** (10 min walk)