

Field Notes...



Noteworthy news from the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources

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Significant Notes

- **Peconic River Fishway Partnership Awarded.**

In spring 2010, the Peconic River Fishway Partnership composed of DEC, multiple conservationist agencies, the Peconic Estuary Program, and stakeholders, successfully completed the construction of the Grangebél Park Fishway after 10 years of dedicated persistence and planning. The fishway will assist in the passage of alewife and American eels to their historic habitat and spawning areas in the Peconic River. Based on such commending efforts, [Coastal America](#) is presenting this Peconic River Fishway partnership with the 2010 "Coastal America Partnership Award." This award recognizes the "outstanding collaborative, multi-agency and multi-stakeholder efforts that leverage and combine resources to accomplish coastal restoration, preservation, protection, and education projects." More information about Peconic River fishways can be found at: peconice.ipower.com/Fishways.html



Image: The finished rock ramp fishway at Grangebél Park.

- **Latest Division Monthly Highlights Available.**

Catch up on the latest research and outreach activities conducted by our fish and wildlife staff in our [November Monthly Highlights](#) (pdf, 863 kb). Find topics on rare bird population trend updates, wetland restoration efforts, 2010 pheasant stocking reports, striped bass annual trawl survey report, native brook trout restoration projects, Lake Erie 2010 angler survey results, and much more.

- **A Jail Sentence for Harvesting Contaminated Oysters.**

Last week, baymen Kyle Frisia was sentenced to five months in jail for harvesting, mislabeling and improperly tagging oysters taken from the uncertified (closed) waters of the Nissequogue River. In this sentencing case, the illegally harvested oysters tested positive for high levels of fecal coliform bacteria. DEC closes waters to shellfishing when harmful levels of coliform bacteria (e.g. *E. coli*) are detected. The bacterium enters the bodies of molluscan shellfish like oysters, clams, scallops, and mussels as they filter the water for food. While it does not harm

shellfish, it can cause severe human illness if the shellfish is consumed. For [more on this story](#) review the DEC press release.

- **Seeking Comments on Draft Temporary Revocable Permit Policy.**

The DEC is taking comments through January 14, 2011 on a proposed revision of the Temporary Revocable Permit (TRP) Policy, which sets forth the procedure for issuing permits for the temporary use of [DEC's State lands](#) (including, but not limited to DEC's: Wildlife Management Areas, State Reforestation Areas, Forest Preserves, campgrounds, boat launches/waterway access sites, tidal wetlands, and conservation easements). DEC issues TRPs only for activities that are in compliance with all constitutional, statutory and regulatory requirements; the Adirondack and Catskill Park State Land Master Plans; adopted Unit Management Plans and Recreation Management Plans; and that have negligible or no permanent impact on the environment. Review the [draft policy](#) (pdf, 1.5 mb) and find additional [policy details and information on submitting comments](#).

Did You Know...?

Praying mantises survive the winter as a mass of eggs encased within a foam-like substance glued to the underside of stems on trees and shrubs. As the spring thaw occurs, about 100 to 200 small adult-looking praying mantises (nymphs) emerge from the egg case.

[Read more facts on the Praying Mantis](#)



The praying mantis egg case, as shown in the picture, is only about an inch in size.

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