



## LESLIE AND THE DIADROMOUS FISH

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**April 28, 2015-** Taking a break during lunch from the Suffolk County Legislature General Meeting in Riverhead, Legislator Leslie Kennedy rolled up her sleeves to "**Lunch and Learn**" about the Peconic River Diadromous Fish Restoration Program hosted by Seatuck Environmental Association for a second year in a row.



(Caption: Leslie Kennedy with Fish)

Leslie Kennedy met with Seatuck Environmental Association representatives that gave county officials an up-close and personal look at the amazing Peconic River Alewife run. One of the prime locations to view these ecologically important fish at the Woodhull Dam in the Cranberry Bog County Park, located directly across the street from the Suffolk County Center in Riverhead. The

dam is upstream from an immensely successful fish passage installation in Riverhead's Grangebelle Park, and is a perfect spot to see the fish congregate. Furthermore, this dam is one of 4 barriers between the Alewife and their upstream freshwater breeding habitat.



(Caption: Leslie Kennedy with Representative from Seatuck Environmental Association)

“It was a great opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy some of the natural beauty that the east end of Long Island is known for” said Legislator Kennedy “Caring for the Environment is something that I have always put on top of my list and it is because of programs like these that our ecosystem is always in the best hands”

Seatuck and partners, including the Peconic Estuary Program, Cornell Cooperative Extension Suffolk County and NYS DEC, are working to restore alewife runs across Long Island. They are an important part of our coastal ecosystem - throughout their life cycle they provide forage for a wide variety of other species, including everything from striped bass to osprey.

For more information regarding this program please contact Enrico Nardone at [egnardone@seatuck.org](mailto:egnardone@seatuck.org) or 631-581-6908. Thank you.

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