

Dowling College Presents a Free Mini-Conference on 'The Impacts of Offshore Energy Development on Coastal Marine Wildlife'

Oakdale, NY - The Department of Earth & Marine Sciences at Dowling College, in partnership with the Coastal Research and Education Society of Long Island, Inc. (C.R.E.S.L.I.), will present a free mini-conference on the Impacts of Offshore Energy Development on Coastal Marine Wildlife.

Taking place on Wednesday, March 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Dowling's Melville Center at the Greenway Plaza, 145 Pinelawn Road, Suite 350S, the day-long conference will address relevant issues facing the varied proposals for energy development off of Long Island's shores.

The program will begin with a welcome presentation by Dr. John T. Tanacredi, Chairman of the Department of Earth & Marine Sciences at Dowling, followed by an overview by Dr. Artie Kopelman, President of C.R.E.S.L.I., Inc.

Featured speakers include: Scott Johnston, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, and Dr. Scott Newman, DVM, Wildlife Trust, Inc., who will present the "Impacts on Birds"; Dr. Greg Early, AIS, Inc., Marine Projects Manager and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Visiting Scientist, who will address the "Impacts on Pinnipeds"; Sharon B. Young, Marine Issues Field Director, Humane Society, who will discuss the "Impacts on Cetaceans"; and Samuel S. Sadove, Vice President of C.R.E.S.L.I., Inc., and Dr. Russell Burke, Hofstra University, who will present the "Impact on Turtles."

Following the informative presentations, a question-and-answer session will take place to encourage dialogue about the various impacts of offshore energy development on coastal marine wildlife.

Reservations are required as space is limited. To register, please call 631-244-3352 or visit www.cresli.org/cresli/conf_res.html.

About Dowling College

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