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RESTORATION BY DESIGN

Presented by Dr. Alix Laferriere

Oysters play a critical role in maintaining the health and resilience of estuaries in New England. The Nature Conservancy has identified oyster reef restoration and other shellfish enhancements projects as essential strategies for improving the conditions in our estuaries and bays.

Historically, the Great Bay Estuary in New Hampshire was covered in oyster reefs. Due to historical over-harvest, sedimentation, and environmental stressors, the reefs have largely been lost and with that the loss of the ecosystem services provided by the reefs. Dr. Alix Laferriere shares the story of the Nature Conservancy's partnership with the University of New Hampshire to restore a 28-acre footprint of these reefs. She will also discuss their strategy to define where and how we conduct restoration in the future in order to integrate it with additional interests such as recreational harvest areas, oyster aquaculture opportunities, and eelgrass regeneration areas.

Dr. Laferriere is the Coastal and Marine Programs Director for the New Hampshire chapter of The Nature Conservancy.



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Oyster reefs provide
habitat for fish and
invertebrates, while
protecting shorelines.

An oyster can filter
up to 30 gallons of
water per day.

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