

30th Annual Winter Environmental Conference

Save The River® / Upper St. Lawrence RIVERKEEPER®

Saturday, February 2, 2019

1000 Islands Harbor Hotel

Clayton, New York

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This year we celebrate the 30th year of this important annual event. Thirty years of gathering to hear from national and regional policy makers, scientists, opinion leaders, students, and teachers about the topics of critical importance to the health of the St. Lawrence River. At this year's conference you'll learn about the diversion of Great Lakes freshwater, research on American eels, the threat of Asian carp, plastics in our water, and research of mercury cycling in St. Lawrence River wetlands. We will also be premiering our short film, *It's Hard to be a Tern*. We hope that you will join us in Clayton on the first Saturday of February! Please register by Friday, January 25, 2019.

SPEAKERS

- **Peter Annin** Author of *The Great Lakes Water Wars*, originally published in 2006, revised and updated edition published in 2018. Director of the Mary Griggs Burke Center for Freshwater Innovation at Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin.
- **Evie Brahmstedt**, PhD Student at Clarkson University, will discuss her research in mercury cycling in wetlands, with a focus on the St. Lawrence River.
- **Dr. John Casselman** Adjunct professor of biology at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario whose research focuses on American eels, a species whose population declined so greatly in recent decades that they are classified as an endangered species in Ontario.
- **Chad Lord** Policy director of Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition, a group of more than 150 environmental, conservation, and outdoor recreation organizations all working toward restoring and protecting the Great Lakes. Chad will discuss the threat of Asian carp and the current work being done to prevent their spread into the Lakes.
- **Dr. Sherri Mason** Professor at SUNY Fredonia, pioneered the first-ever survey of plastics pollution in the Great Lakes. Her findings led to the federal ban of plastic microbeads in consumer products like tooth paste, face wash, and more.
- **Elaine Tack** spent her 14-year broadcast journalism career reporting in Chicago, Cleveland, and Las Vegas. She is well-known in the 1000 Islands for her generosity in using her time and talent to create films for local organizations.

SCHEDULE

- 9:30 am: Registration and morning coffee; 10:00 am - 4:00 pm: Presentations (break for lunch from 12:00 - 1:00 pm); 4:00 pm: Cocktail reception with cash bar
- Final schedule with order of speakers will be released in January

REGISTRATION

- \$50 (includes coffee and pastries, lunch, & cash bar cocktail reception with light hors d'oeuvres)
- Please RSVP no later than Friday, January 25 by returning the form below or calling (315) 686-2010

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

- Save The River has reserved a limited block of rooms at the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel starting at \$119 per night. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at (315) 686-1100. This discount rate is guaranteed through January 9.

NEW THIS YEAR - LIVE STREAM

- For those who are unable to make the trip to Clayton, we will be hosting a professional live stream of the conference. **In order to support this exciting new offering, there is a suggested registration fee of \$25 if you plan to tune into the live stream.** The hyperlink to the live stream will be shared the week of the conference.

I / We will be there! Please reserve _____ seats for me / us at \$50 per person, for a total of _____.

I plan to tune into the live stream feed of the conference; my suggested registration fee of \$25 is enclosed.

I / we cannot attend but would like to support the work of Save The River with a contribution of \$ _____.

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