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Fire Island National Seashore Hosts Planning, Science and Research Conference at Stony Brook University in May

Patchogue, NY— On May 9- 10, 2007, Fire Island National Seashore and Stony Brook University will host the park's sixth biennial science conference at the Charles B. Wang Center on the campus of Stony Brook University in Stony Brook, NY. This conference provides an opportunity for members of the scientific and cultural resources community as well as the general public to learn about recent or ongoing natural and cultural resource planning, science, inventory and monitoring programs, and research conducted within the boundaries of Fire Island National Seashore. Experts from academia, government, and conservation organizations will present updates of ongoing work or introduce new projects. This year we are also offering two panel discussions: one on the National Park Service initiative of marine stewardship, the other on storm damage reduction planning for the South Shore of Long Island.

Superintendent Michael Reynolds stated, "Conference attendees gain a greater understanding of how the National Park Service uses scientific and cultural resource research to help guide decisions and work collaboratively with other agencies and organizations." Sessions last all day—9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.—with a break for lunch (on your own; convenient food service is located on campus) and an opportunity to view poster sessions and talk with the experts.

There is no charge or fee for the sessions, but registration is required. You can register and get further information, including a conference schedule, by calling 631- 687- 5030, by visiting www.nps.gov/fiis/scienceconference.htm, or e- mailing: FIIS_Science_Conference@nps.gov.

Detailed directions to Stony Brook University's Wang Center may be found on their website at <http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/wang/directions.shtml>. For more information about Fire Island National Seashore, visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/fiis.

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