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Fire Island National Seashore Hosts Science Conference on April 21- 22

Registration due by April 12

Patchogue, New York—A registration deadline of April 12 has been set for Fire Island National Seashore's 7th biennial science conference. The two- day conference will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, April 21 and 22, at the park's Watch Hill Terminal Site in its new Patchogue Ferry Terminal building in the Village of Patchogue. This conference provides an opportunity for members of the scientific and natural and cultural resources community as well as the general public to learn about recent or ongoing planning, science, inventory and monitoring programs, and research conducted within the boundaries of Fire Island National Seashore. Experts from academia, government, and conservation organizations share the status of their work. This year, presentations on Day 1 (April 21) will focus on the Great South Bay. Presentations on Day 2 (April 22) include various research, planning and monitoring updates. The status of the park's new general management plan will also be provided.

"This is good opportunity to get a comprehensive summary of the research taking place at Fire Island National Seashore," said Superintendent Chris Soller, "and interface directly with a number of researchers." Conference attendees gain a greater understanding of how the National Park Service uses research to help guide decisions and work in collaboration with other agencies and organizations. In addition to the half- hour presentations, there is an opportunity to view posters and displays, and talk with the experts. Sessions last all day—9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.—with a break for lunch. (Lunch is on your own; many restaurants are located nearby in the Village of Patchogue, or you may bring your own).

The conference is free, but seating is limited. Registration is required by mail, by phone at 631- 687- 5030, or by e- mail at FIIS_Science_Conference@nps.gov. Further information, including a conference schedule, is available at www.nps.gov/fiis/scienceconference.htm.

For more information about Fire Island National Seashore, visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/fiis.

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