

Aquatic Resources Education Association's 15th BIENNIAL TRAINING and CONFERENCE



"FISHING FOR CHANGE: RELEVANT AND RESILIENT"

October 21-25, 2024

Newport, Rhode Island



Come celebrate AREA's 30th Anniversary, 1994-2024!

The **Aquatic Resource Education Association (AREA)** is the only national nonprofit professional association that offers expert development and networking among state, federal, and NGO peers for Aquatic Education staff.

The Aquatic Resource Education Association:

- ✓ fosters, promotes and encourages aquatic education sharing, networking and partnership;
- ✓ leads national discussions for aquatic education leaders including those of R3 practitioners;
- ✓ welcomes all those involved in aquatic resource education programming including representatives of State, Federal, industry, fisheries and educational professionals;
- ✓ recognizes that each region faces similar and different challenges within the aquatic education realm and provides a forum for productive discourse.

WHY ATTEND?

Don't miss this training opportunity for you and your team. The tagline says it all, but here are a few more reasons:

- You are an aquatic educator, supervisor of an aquatic education program or an angler R3 coordinator.
- Learn from the best and brightest in our field. Experts will showcase best practices in aquatic education covering today, tomorrow, and the future.
- Network and make connections with other aquatic education professionals, nationally and locally at regional meetings. Learn from other's challenges and get practical solutions to implement in your program.
- A chance to share your ARE story by submitting a presentation.
- The inspiration, enthusiasm, and knowledge you'll gain from the workshops will be exceedingly valuable for you and your organization.
- Rhode Island provides a unique venue to easily access both freshwater and saltwater fishing. Training sessions will be held at the [Wyndham Newport Hotel and Conference Center](#) as well as a variety of field locations. Check the website for additional details.
- The partnership between AREA and Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) allows for a cost-efficient event that AREA member attendees will appreciate.
- Newport is a seaside city on Aquidneck Island in Rhode Island (RI), United States. It is located in Narragansett Bay, approximately 33 miles southeast of Providence, RI. It is known as a New England summer resort and is famous for its historic mansions and rich sailing history. Presidents Kennedy and Eisenhower made Newport the site of their "Summer White Houses" during their years in office. Newport hosted the first U.S. Open tournaments in tennis and golf and every challenge to the America's Cup between 1930 and 1983.

ABOUT AREA

The mission of AREA is to promote, thorough sound educational practices, stewardship and responsible use of aquatic resources, fisheries, and habitats, to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations.

The **Aquatic Resources Education Association (AREA)** was established in response to a growing national need for a cohesive voice and a more fluid, organized approach to regional, state, and local aquatic concerns. Members participate in a national effort toward education, conservation, legislation, science, research, and similar functions related to aquatics and aquatic programs. Members have direct access to national, regional, and local levels of support and expertise.