



Annual Meeting  
March 30-31, 2026  
**The Heldrich – New Brunswick, NJ**

**Day 1 – Monday, March 30**

- 8:00      *Light Breakfast (Kelly Kiosk) and presentation loading with Kim*
- 9:00      *Welcome and Introductions*  
            Matt Ogburn, ACT Network  
            Jackie Motyka, NERACOOS  
            Mary Ford, MARACOOS
- 9:20      *Network Updates*  
            Kim Richie, ACT Network
- 9:30      *Sharing is Caring*  
            **OTN - its data centre, and OTN data nodes**  
            Caitlin Bate, Ocean Tracking Network  
            **Connecting Science and Society: The FACT Network and DaViT for data  
            visualization and public engagement**  
            Joy Young, The FACT Network  
            **RWSC: research planning map**  
            Jordan Katz, Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative
- 10:30     *Break and Group photo (Kelly Kiosk)*
- 10:40     *Oceanography in Telemetry*  
            **The accuracy of surface current measurements in the Mid Atlantic Bight**  
            Hugh Roarty, Rutgers University  
            **Identifying the oceanographic and environmental drivers of elasmobranch  
            presence and distribution in the U.S. Northeast shelf**  
            Jake Kuenzli, Rutgers University
- 11:20     *Discussion: The New Era of ACT*  
            Matt Ogburn, ACT Network  
            Caitline Bate, Ocean Tracking Network
- 12:00     *Lunch (Christopher's Restaurant)*

- 1:00      *Receiver Array Design Panel*  
            **Increasing the efficiency of networked acoustic telemetry using movement models and cost/benefit analysis**  
            Beth Bowers, SERC  
  
            **Flyway models and metrics in the assessment of OWF impacts on migratory fishes**  
            Mike O'Brien, UMCES  
  
            **Development and application of an acoustic telemetry simulator coupled to a regional ocean model to inform array development and biased Markov walk Brownian Bridges**  
            Thomas Grothues, Rutgers University  
            **Moderator: Jordan Katz**
- 2:30      *Break (Kelly Kiosk)*
- 2:45      *Lotek: Manufacturer Updates*  
            Justine Brown, Lotek
- 3:15      *Data 101*  
            Kim Richie, ACT Network
- 4:00      *Meeting Wrap-Up*
- 5:30 – 7:30      *Social at Harvest Moon Brewery and Café sponsored by Innovasea*



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**Day 2 – Tuesday, March 31**

- 8:00            *Light Breakfast (Kelly Kiosk) and presentation loading with Kim/SERC staff*
- 8:55            *Day 2 Welcome*
- 9:00            *Professional Talks*
- Rhode Island’s seal tagging program**  
                  Tara Plee, RI DEM Marine Fisheries
- Sharks Searching for Structure: A comparison of fine scale movement on artificial reef and sand habitat**  
                  Brittney Scannell, Stony Brook University
- Using collaboration to understand fish movement in the Chesapeake Bay**  
                  Wilmelie Cruz Marrero, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office
- R shiny as a data portal to communicate telemetry findings**  
                  Matt Davis, ME Department of Marine Resources
- 10:30           *Break (Kelly Kiosk) and Silent Auction Close*
- 11: 00           *Lightning Talks*
- Matt Ogburn, SERC
- Molly Murphey, SERC
- Gabriel Stephenson, SERC
- William Hoffman, MA Division of Marine Fisheries
- Jeff Kneebone, New England Aquarium
- 11:30           *Innovasea: Manufacturer Updates*  
                  Amy Brookman, Innovasea
- 12:00           *Lunch (Christopher’s Restaurant)*

- 1:00      *Lightning Talks*  
            Matt Davis, ME Department of Marine Resources  
            Hannah Hornbeck, Rutgers University  
            Allie Blanchette, SERC  
            Bethany Williams, NOAA NCCOS  
            Matt Kendall, NOAA NCCOS
- 1:30      *OTNDO – Data Summaries in R*  
            Mike O’Brien, UMCES
- 2:30      *Wrap-Up*
- 3:00      *Meeting Close*