

# Herring River Restoration MOU

## Proposed Timeline

1. Town and CCNS agree to work together toward addressing “mutual salt marsh restoration goals”
2. Town and CCNS sign Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), remaining in effect for a period of 5 years. Either party with a minimum of ninety days written notice may terminate agreement.
3. Within 30 days of signature of MOU, Town forms Technical and Stakeholder Committees
4. Technical Committee
  - a. Review all existing scientific and technical reports in order to develop a common understanding of the Herring River System and issues. Provide a concise synopsis of these studies to the stakeholder group and the community.
  - b. Receive and consider input related to community concerns conveyed through the stakeholder group.
  - c. Upon review of existing literature and in consideration of stakeholder interests, the technical committee will submit recommendations to the Board of Selectmen as to the feasibility of implementing some level of restoration to the system.
  - d. Should some level of restoration be deemed appropriate and with the Board of Selectmen’s concurrence, the technical committee shall then be tasked with developing a restoration plan.
5. Stakeholder Committee
  - a. Ensure that the technical committee understands the stakeholders direct interests and concerns and considers these perspectives in their recommendation process.
  - b. Communicate with diverse interests within the Town to ensure public and private concerns are well represented and considered by the technical committee in their review process and in the development of their recommendations to the Town.
  - c. Provide a forum by which the technical committee’s findings can be communicated to the larger community.
  - d. Should some level of restoration be deemed appropriate and with the Board of Selectmen’s concurrence, the stakeholder group shall continue to be responsible for providing community input into a draft restoration plan.
6. If Selectmen concur that some level of restoration is deemed appropriate based on recommendations of technical committee, Town and CCNS will develop restoration plan. No time limit for development of restoration plan.
7. Within 60 days of receipt of a restoration plan, the Town through the Selectmen and the CCNS through the Superintendent will review the plan and initiate a motion to accept, revise or deny the restoration plan.

