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FORTY YEARS OF MARINE HERITAGE

A Biscayne National Park Program

The National Parks Conservation Association invites you to a celebration for Biscayne National Park's 40th Anniversary.

Join us in this day-long celebration and enlivening discussion on the largest marine park in the National Park System.

Saturday, October 18th 8:30am - 3:30pm Deering Estate at Cutler

The Deering Estate at Cutler is located at 16701 SW 72 Avenue Miami, FL 33157

RSVP by October 9th: 305.235.1668 ext.233

Admission is \$15 and includes breakfast, lunch and park entrance.

Hosted by the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA). For more information go to www.npca.org or contact Jacqueline Crucet at 954-961-1280 x 201 or jcrucet@npca.org.

The day features a series of panels and keynote speakers on the park's unique combination of marine fish and wildlife, its rich cultural heritage and diversity, and the impact of restoration and climate change on the park.

Among the featured speakers are:

- Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Congresswoman
- Katy Sorenson, Miami-Dade County Commissioner
- Mark Lewis, Superintendent, Biscayne National Park
- John Adornato, NPCA Regional Director

The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) is a non-profit, nonpartisan voice working to address major threats facing the National Park System since 1919. It is the only non-governmental organization that is solely dedicated to protecting our national parks for our children and grandchildren. The NPCA Sun Coast office based in South Florida focuses on Everglades restoration, and the protection of Florida Bay, and other issues facing our parks in Florida, the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico.

AGENDA:

8:30 - 9:00 Registration and Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome John Adornato, NPCA Regional Director Mark Lewis, Superintendent, Biscayne National Park

9:15 - 9:30 Keynote Speaker Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Congresswoman

9:30 - 10:45 Many Faces of Biscayne: Culture and Diversity in Our National Park

Examine the cultural resources of Biscayne National Park. Discuss minority history and involvement in the park, and learn about current initiatives that encourage diversity involvement in the park today.

10:45 - 11:00 Break

11:00 - 12:15 Vision Biscayne 2016: Preparing for a 2nd Century of Success

Analyze the park's larger resource issues and discuss ways to successfully transition the park from its 40th Anniversary to the National Park Service's centennial in 2016.

12:15 - 2:00 Lunch and Birthday Cake Keynote Speaker at the ballroom in the estate Katy Sorenson, Miami-Dade County Commissioner

2:00 - 3:00 Solutions From The Ground Up Exploring current and future proactive efforts by local communities to improve" on the ground" conditions in and around the park.

3:00 - 3:30 Closing Remarks

To RSVP: Deering Estate at Cutler 305-235-1668 ext. 233 www.deeringestate.org

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