

# News Release

## *Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge*

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### **Annual meeting provides opportunity to learn about USFWS and NPS management operations on Assateague Island**

Federal land managers from Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and Assateague Island National Seashore will hold an informational meeting at the Chincoteague Community Center on Wednesday May 4, 2011 starting at 7:00 PM.

During the meeting, Refuge Manager Lou Hinds and Park Superintendent Patricia “Trish” Kicklighter will provide a quick review of 2010 management actions followed by an overview of refuge and seashore undertakings for 2011. The public is invited to bring questions and receive answers.

For those arriving early or staying late, a special hands-on demonstration will occur before and after the meeting. From 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm, Dr. Jeff Ehman, affiliated with Image Matters LLC, will show participants how to use the updated Sea Level Affecting Marshes Model (SLAMM-View 2.0). See an online demo at: [www.slamview.org](http://www.slamview.org).

“Sea level rise is certainly one of the most pressing issues facing many coastal communities, as well as national wildlife refuges,” said SLAMM-View user Lou Hinds, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Manager.

SLAMM-View 2.0 is primarily employed by researchers and managers to understand the impacts of sea level rise on critical coastal resources, but it is also widely used to educate the public on the effects of sea level changes. In 2009, site-specific results for the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and surrounding area were made available through SLAMM-View 2.0.

“Assateague Island is a local and national treasure. I urge interested community members and visitors to attend in order to learn about the management programs of Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and Assateague Island National Seashore” said Refuge Manager Lou Hinds.

As summer quickly approaches, a variety of adventures await. Whenever visiting, we

welcome you to stop by the Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center or the Toms Cove Visitor Center. Please take time to observe wildlife along numerous trails, tour the Assateague Lighthouse, or just enjoy the natural and cultural experience of Assateague Island.

Learn more about Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge by visiting our website at <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/chinco> or by calling 757-336-6122.

Discover more about Assateague Island National Seashore by visiting <http://nps.gov/asis> or by calling 410-641-1443.