There are no Wrong Whales or Left Whales, but there are Right Whales -- and they are found in our backyard. These behemoths, measuring up to 50 feet long and 50 tons, visit Massachusetts and Cape Cod Bays and Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary to feed in our rich waters. But with less than 400 animals in the population, the North Atlantic Right Whale is critically endangered. The Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society (N.A.) and Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary are proud to present these leading experts who will discuss ongoing studies of right whale biology and behavior, and conservation efforts to save this species from extinction.

**LECTURE SERIES -- North Atlantic Right Whales: A Critically Endangered Species in our Backyard**

- **March 7 (Brewster)**  
  **Grappling with Giants: Disentangling large whales and understanding entanglement** -- Scott Landry, Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies

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  **CSI Right Whale: A forensics look into the issues impacting right whales** -- Dr. Michael Moore, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

- **March 14 (Brewster)**  
  **Collision Course: Whale tracks and ship routes** -- Dr. David Wiley, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary

- **March 19 (Boston)**  
  **Right Whales need to eat a lot of food -- 2000-3000 pounds a day (about the equivalent of the weight of a Volkswagen Beetle). Remarkably, they feed on marine organisms called copepods that are about the size of a flea. How do right whales find a ton or more of these flea-sized copepods each day, and how exactly do they eat them?** Dr. Baumgartner will review what scientists know about right whale feeding and its implications for the survival of this highly endangered species.

- **March 21 (Brewster)**  
  **Whale Whisperer -- Listening for right whales in the sanctuary** -- Dr. Leila Hatch, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary

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  **Dr. David Wiley, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary**

- **March 28 (Brewster)**  
  **Dinner for 50 Tons: A story of one of the largest animals on the planet feeding on one of the smallest** -- Dr. Mark Baumgartner, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

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- **April 11 (Brewster)**  
  **The Urban Whale: North Atlantic Right Whales at a crossroads** -- April 23 (Boston)  
  **Dr. Scott Kraus and Dr. Roz Rolland, New England Aquarium**

North Atlantic right whales, dubbed the "urban whale," spend much of their lives along the industrialized east coast of North America. Recent studies show that this population is declining in size, and if current trends are not reversed, the species will go extinct in approximately two centuries. The North Atlantic right whale is at a crossroads, as human decisions over the next few decades will decide its fate.