

Investigating Perceptions of Coastal Conditions at Sabin Point Park

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Sabin Point Park in East Providence (RI), a coastal public access site in the Upper Narragansett Bay which has a public boat ramp, playground, basketball court, sandy beach, shaded picnic area, and fishing pier, has experienced recent infrastructure upgrades and water quality improvements. This study examined recreational activities and perceptions of conditions (e.g., water quality, access, artificial reef installation) at Sabin Point. Intercept surveys of Sabin Point users were conducted on weekends and weekdays in the morning, afternoon, and evening in order to gauge public perceptions of the site's conditions. In addition, attitudinal questions were asked about artificial reefs and their potential to enhance the quality of fishing. Site characteristics were also recorded at each visit, such as the number of people present and weather conditions. This poster will describe preliminary findings from these surveys. These findings will inform coastal management at Sabin Point and provide insight into the public's perceptions of the impact of artificial reefs on the area.