

New England Aquarium Event -- September 2nd

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to me

Betsy – Below is the invitation to the NEAq/National Geographic event on September 2nd. Hope you can come. Thanks for the conversation yesterday – I am committed to finding a path that enables us to seize this historic opportunity for real and significant ocean conservation in New England and to ensuring the timely completion of a good and effective regional ocean plan – the first in the US. Let’s keep talking. pb

Celebrating New England's Unique Ocean Habitats

The New England Aquarium and the [National Geographic Society](#) would like to invite members of the public to attend an event at the New England Aquarium, hosted by National Geographic photographer and New England Aquarium [Explorer-in-Residence Brian Skerry](#) and including a discussion with some of the region's most preeminent marine scientists.

Kelp on Cashes Ledge | Photo ©Brian Skerry

Skerry will present spectacular never-before-seen video footage and photographs of some of New England's most ecologically vital and fragile ocean habitats, including Cashes Ledge in the Gulf of Maine and a number of deep sea canyons and seamounts located approximately 150 miles southeast of Cape Cod. Plunging down from the edge of the continental shelf, the Oceanographer, Gilbert, Lydonia, Heezen, and Nygren canyons are deeper than the Grand Canyon and rich with cold water corals. Combined with

the Bear, Retriever, Physalia, and Mytilus seamounts they represent some of the most scientifically important marine habitats in New England.

Atlantic wolffish on Cashes Ledge | Photo ©Brian Skerry

In addition to his own dramatic photos, Skerry will show images from a recent expedition to Cashes Ledge by National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Sylvia Earle as well as breathtaking video of the canyons and seamounts shot by the NOAA *Okeanos Explorer* team.

Coral | Photo ©NOAA

Skerry will also lead a panel discussion of about how valuable these remarkable places are to the health of our oceans, the vibrancy of our coastal communities, and the future of some of the ocean's most treasured species, from threatened right whales to thousand-year-old coral formations.

WHO: Joining Skerry on the panel will be:

- [Scott Kraus](#), VP for Research at the New England Aquarium & whale researcher
- [Jon Witman](#), professor of biology at Brown University & marine ecologist
- [Peter Auster](#), research scientist at Mystic Aquarium's Sea Research Foundation & marine ecologist

WHEN: Wednesday, September 2.

5:30 p.m. — Hors d'oeuvres reception in the lobby of the Simons IMAX Theatre

6:15 p.m. — Presentations

WHERE: New England Aquarium's Simons IMAX Theatre, Central Wharf, Boston

RSVP: This event is free and open to the public. [Follow this link to reserve your seat.](#)

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