

Understanding the Rewilding of Cape Cod: A curriculum unit for
middle school learners



Hosting a Community Forum

Estimated Time: 5-6 classes (60 minutes each)

The Community Forum is the assessment for this unit. This assessment provides students with an opportunity for voice and choice and allows them to demonstrate their understanding in an alternate way.

Modifications

If students aren't comfortable speaking in a class setting, writing a 'Letter to The Editor' piece speaking to their viewpoint could be a great alternative.

Warm Up

Who has been affected by the changes in wildlife in Cape Cod?

Students to think & reflect on their own for 4-5 minutes.

Classroom share to follow for 10-12 minutes.



Image by Atlantic White Shark Conservancy

[Stakeholder Video Linked](#)

Discussion

Were there any new stakeholders or stakeholder groups identified in this video?

What were some of the changes in wildlife they discussed in their interview?

Small Group Work (15-20 minutes)

Class Share Out (10 minutes)

Homework

- Finish the back page of the brainstorm worksheet where you will select an individual or stakeholder group YOU would like to represent.
- Do some initial research to find how that individual has been affected by the changes in wildlife and record what you find
- Once you have your selection, upload your choice to the online portal

Warm Up

Choose a partner, wisely.

Introduce yourself to your partner as the stakeholder or individual you chose last night for homework. Share with them how changes in wildlife has had an effect on you.

Once both partners have introduced themselves and shared, move on and try again with a new partner.



Wellfleet Community Forum (Sharks)
Sept. 27, 2018

[Video – 2018 Wellfleet Community Forum](#)



Community Forum - Roles

Moderator – someone who ensures the discussion moves forward, will redirect individuals if they got off topic or speak out of turn.

Timekeeper – you don't see this in the example video, but often at community forums, individuals are limited to 2-3 minutes of speaking at a time. There can also be rules to have individuals only speak once to prevent the forum from becoming a debate.

Panel – For the event in Wellfleet, there was a panel to listen and answer questions about what had been taking place in terms of research, public safety initiatives, and first responder protocols.

The Public – Individuals, representing themselves, the organizations they work for, the businesses they own, coming to speak and share their thoughts

YOU will be the Community

Each of you taking on this role of an individual within the community and coming to speak on behalf of that individual or stakeholder group.