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An Evening at the Hook features Catching Striped Bass

The continuing lecture series, "An Evening at the Hook", kicks off the 2009 season with **Catching Striped Bass** on **Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM**. Striped bass fishing has enjoyed increased popularity since falling on hard times in the 1980s. The methods used to take this exciting game fish have evolved from soaking bloodworms on the bottom to casting popping plugs to surface feeding fish. Eric Burnley will cover the most productive of these techniques for Delaware anglers fishing in the Delaware Bay, Atlantic Ocean and the inland bays. His program will consist of slides and hands on work with the tackle.

A native of Delaware, Eric Burnley has been fishing the state's waters from an early age. As a writer and photographer he has covered the local fishing beat for more than 30 years. As a conservationist he began working on striped bass recovery programs in the early 1970s and continues to push for sensible use of this precious resource. Join us before the lecture at 6:30pm for light refreshments.

"An Evening at the Hook" is a lecture series that highlights this nation's abundant and diverse natural resources, particularly close to home at Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge. Featured on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in the Refuge Auditorium, these hour-long programs provide an exciting opportunity to learn intriguing facts about our plants, animals, environment, and cultural history. The lectures are free, open to the public, and fun for the entire family. Seating is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please call the Refuge at (302) 684-8419 for more information.

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