

OVERVIEW

The Coast 93.1 Blake Show podcast, sponsored by The Nature Conservancy in Maine, featured a game show segment with TNC ambassador Aislinn Sarnaki. During the segment, Aislinn quizzed the hosts about the mating habits of various Maine animals as she plugged TNC's fundraising campaign.

SEGMENT SUMMARY

Introduction and Game Show Setup

- Host introduces the Blake show podcast, sponsored by The Nature Conservancy in Maine, and mentions Aislinn Sarnaki, an ambassador from The Nature Conservancy.
- Aislinn is presented as a nature lover who will quiz the participants about Maine's favorite animals and their mating habits.
- The game show is humorously named "Aislinn's Game Show".

Bald Eagles Mating Habits

- Host initiates the game by asking about the mating habits of bald eagles.
- Aislinn provides three options: mating in other birds' nests, offering bones from recent kills, or locking talons and spiraling down together.
- The participants discuss and guess the correct answer, which is locking talons and spiraling down together.
- The conversation shifts to the humorous side, with Host and others making jokes about the eagles' mating behavior.

Lobsters Mating Season

- The discussion moves to lobsters, with Aislinn asking how many female lobsters a male can mate with in a season.
- The options are two to five, ten plus, or mating for life.
- Host and others guess, with Aislinn revealing that lobsters can mate with over ten females in a season.
- The conversation takes a humorous turn, with Host joking about lobsters discussing their body count.

Puffins Mating Dance

- The topic shifts to puffins, with Aislinn describing their mating dance.
- Aislinn shares a personal anecdote about holding a puffin and describes the puffins' small size.
- The participants are asked to guess which body part puffins rub together during their mating dance.
- The correct answer is their beaks, which is referred to as "billing."

Porcupines Mating Ritual

- The discussion moves to porcupines and their unusual mating ritual.
- Aislinn explains that porcupines pee on each other as part of their mating ritual.
- The participants express surprise and humorously speculate about the purpose of the peeing.
- Aislinn clarifies that the peeing is a sign of interest, and if the female is interested, she will approach the male.

Shortest Pregnancy Period in Maine

- The final question asks about the shortest amount of time any mammal in Maine is pregnant.
- The options are three months for black bears, 13 days for Virginia opossums, and 36 days for snowshoe hares.
- Host and others guess, with Aislinn revealing that the Virginia opossum has the shortest pregnancy period of 13 days.

Ending

- The conversation ends with a thank you to Aislinn for coming by and a reminder to support the Nature Conservancy in Maine as they are currently matching first-time donations to double the impact on nature conservation.