

# NORTHEAST LOON STUDY WORKING GROUP

## 2017 AGENDA

28<sup>th</sup> Meeting – The Loon Center, Moultonborough, NH

Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

10:00 Welcome and introductions All

### State Monitoring and Populations

10:15 State comparisons Harry Vogel, Loon Preservation Committee  
10:45 Other state reports/highlights Any  
11:00 Loons in the west Vin Spagnuolo, Biodiversity Research Institute  
11:40 Discussion of state monitoring efforts – gaps, collaborations All

### 12:00 Lunch

### Loon Breeding or Lack Thereof

1:00 Climate change vs. loons in NH John Cooley, LPC  
1:20 MA chick translocation effort Michelle Kneeland, BRI  
1:40 Squam Lake Loon Initiative Tiffany Grade, LPC  
2:10 Signs and ropelines analysis John Cooley, LPC; Eric Hanson, Vermont Loon Recovery Program

### 2:30 Break

### Mortality – Causes and Avoidance

2:50 Mortality update Mark Pokras, Tufts Veterinary School  
3:10 Future of necropsies and mortality data Mark Pokras, Tufts  
3:30 Loon rescues–materials, methods, results John Cooley, LPC  
3:50 Rehabilitating lead-poisoned loons Mark Pokras, Tufts

### Lead Outreach

4:10 Fish Lead Free Initiative Susan Gallo, Maine Audubon; Susie Burbidge, LPC  
4:30 Lead tackle and fishing line recycling in MA Jillian Whitney, MA Department of Conservation and Recreation  
4:50 Hunter/angler lead outreach Helene Van Doninck, Cobequid Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre

**5:10 Adjourn and meet at local watering hole**

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8:00 Gather and coffee

**Natural Enemies, Part One – Eagles**

8:30 Impact of eagles on nesting loons in NH John Cooley, LPC

8:50 Documenting eagle/loon interactions Lee Attix, BRI

**Natural Enemies, Part Two – Cyanotoxins**

9:30 Bioaccumulation of cyanotoxins in COLO blood and feathers Jim Haney, University of New Hampshire

9:50 Microcystins and BMAA in the blood of COLO chicks Connor Perry & Kyle Christianson, UNH

10:10 Water quality monitoring to estimate cyanotoxin exposure Nancy Leland, Lim-Tex

**10:30 Break**

**Other Worthy Research and Ideas**

10:50 Loon Health Assessment Michelle Kneeland, BRI

11:10 Standardization of terms & measurements Mark Pokras, Tufts

11:30 Loon data changes and improvements Alex Dalton and Allie Byrd, BRI

11:50 Restore The Call – progress & goals Vin Spagnuolo, BRI

12:10 Citizen science and loon monitoring Dana Fox, LPC

**12:30 Lunch**

**The Future**

1:30 National loon meeting in 2019 Vin Spagnuolo, BRI

1:50 B-120 update, joint NELSWG proposal US Fish and Wildlife Service

2:10 Future research needs All

2:30 NELSWG future directions All

2:50 Advancing western loon conservation Vin Spagnuolo, BRI

3:10 Other business/next meeting All

**3:30 Adjourn**