

Here at last is the agenda for NELSWG, April 10th to 11th at LPC in Moultonborough, NH (attached as both Word and RTF files, and as text below). Please note the start time of 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, and also note that updates of individual state monitoring and management efforts are not included in the agenda - too much other stuff going on. Instead, I am asking that state monitoring groups have a 1-2 page handout to distribute to attendees. There is open time in a couple of places on the agenda that we could use for reporting on these or other efforts, or to run thoughts/questions/ideas by the group.

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NORTHEAST LOON STUDY WORKING GROUP

2008 AGENDA

19th Meeting - Loon Preservation Committee, Moultonborough, NH

Thursday, April 10th, 2008

10:30 Welcome and introductions All

2007 Population Monitoring and Management Comparisons

10:45 State comparisons Harry Vogel, Loon
Preservation Committee

11:00 Discussion of state monitoring All
efforts - gaps, collaborations

Dead Things and the Things That Killed Them, Part One

11:15 Lead mortality in NH loons Chris McClellan, Colby-Sawyer College

11:30 Lead fishing tackle white paper Emily Brunkhurst, NH Fish
& Game

11:45 Loon mortality in New England Mark Pokras, Tufts

12:00 Lunch

Dead Things and the Things That Killed Them, Part Two

1:00 Contaminants in waterbird eggs Wing Goodale, Biodiversity Research Institute

1:15 Squam loon study Harry Vogel, LPC

1:30 Discussion: next steps, samples to run All

Management and Education

1:45 Human development index in VT Eric Hanson, Vermont Loon Recovery Project

2:00 Nest warning sign study in VT Eric Hanson/Anika Klem, Sterling College

2:15 Science on the Fly curriculum Nina Schoch, Adirondack Loon Cons. Program

2:30 Regional lead initiative Mark Pokras, Tufts; Harry Vogel, LPC

2:45 Break

Mercury

3:00 Hg effects paper Dave Evers, BRI

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| 3:15 | Hg monitoring in Eastern Canada | Neil Burgess, Canadian Wildlife Service |
| 3:30 | Impact of Hg on loon immunology | Nina Schoch, ALCP |
| 3:45 | Examining new Hg toxicity endpoints | All |
| 4:00 | Next steps in Hg monitoring, funding | All |
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| 4:15 | Open discussion on topics so far | All |
| 4:30 | Adjourn for day and gather for dinner, location to be determined | |

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9:00 Gather and coffee

North Cape/Bouchard Oil Spill Restoration

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| 9:15 | North Cape restoration & manuscript | Dave Evers, BRI |
| 9:30 | Bouchard oil spill restoration | Veronica Varela, USFWS |
| 9:45 | Discussion: restoration ideas | |
| | All | |

10:00 Break

More and Future Research

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| 10:15 | Loon genetics | Amy McMillan, Buffalo State University |
| 10:30 | Next steps for rafts | Chris DeSorbo, BRI |
| 10:45 | Exploratory analyses of LPC data | Tom Boucher, Plymouth State University |

11:00	Loon habitat quality gradient	Anne Kuhn, USEPA
11:15	Climate change	Mark Pokras, Tufts; others?
11:30	Lake Erie loon mortality	Ken Roblee, NY DEC
12:00	Other research updates	Any
12:15	Future research needs and directions	All
12:30	Lunch	

Modeling and Other Research

1:00	Loon population model	Jason Grier, USEPA
1:15	Loon recovery plan	John Cooley, LPC
1:30	Squam system dynamics model	Lori Siegel, Siegel Env. Dynamics
1:45	Refining and using loon models	All

Collaborations

2:00	Discussion on collaborations	All
2:15	NELSWG future directions	All
	- role and feasibility	
	- coordination with western states	
2:30	Other business/next meeting	All
2:45	Adjourn	