

NELSWG 2010 Agenda
21st Meeting - Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine
North Grafton, MA

Thursday, April 8th, 2010

10:30 Welcome and introductions All

State Monitoring and Management Comparisons

10:50 State comparisons Harry Vogel,

11:15 Loon breeding success on MA reservoirs Dan Clark, MA Dept. of

11:25 Analyzing 25 yrs of ME count data Susan Gallo, Maine

11:55 Other state reports/highlights All (optional)

12:15 Discussion of state monitoring efforts - gaps, collaborations All

12:30 Lunch

Dead Things and the Things That Killed Them, Part One

1:30 Using study skins for conservation Tim Divoll, BioDiversity Research Institute

1:40 NY loon health study Nina Schoch,

2:00 Emerging and historical contaminants in loons Wing Goodale, BRI

2:20 Squam loon study update John Cooley, LPC

2:30 Discussion: Next steps, samples to run All

2:45 Break

Dead Things and the Things That Killed Them, Part Two - Lead

3:00 Pathology and Pb update Mark Pokras,

3:30 NH Pb analysis JohnCooley, LPC

3:45 Pb legislation in DC Mark Pokras, Tufts

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| 3:55 | Discussion: Next steps for Pb | All |
| 4:10 | Status and conservation of loons in WA | Dan Poleschook and Ginger Gumm |
| 5:00 | Adjourn | |
| 6:00 | Meet at local watering hole | |

Friday, April 9th, 2010

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| 8:30 | Gather and coffee | Pure Research |
| 9:00 | Honest signaling in loons | Jay Mager, Ohio Northern University |
| 9:15 | Age-related changes in behavior of prebreeding loons | Walter Piper, Chapman University |
| 9:45 | Territory quality and energetic cost | Allison Byrd, University of Maine |
| 10:00 | Update on loon genetics | Amy McMillan, Buffalo State University |
| 10:15 | Identifying critical habitat for expanding loon populations | Anne Kuhn, USEPA |
| 10:30 | Break | |
| Unpure Research | | |
| 10:45 | Daytime capture of loons | Rick Gray, BRI |
| 11:00 | Herbicides and loons | Vin Spagnuolo, LPC |
| 11:15 | Hg monitoring network in Canada | Neil Burgess, Canadian Wildlife Service |
| 11:45 | Tiffany's Squam loon study | Tiffany Grade, LPC |
| 12:00 | Discussion: Future research needs | All |
| 12:15 | Lunch | |
| Conservation and Education | | |
| 1:00 | Economizing loon years lost | Dave Evers, BRI |
| 1:15 | Bouchard oil spill - NELSWG proposal | Dave Evers, BRI |

1:30	NY education program	Nina Schoch, ACLC
1:40	Discussion: Quantifying effects of education	All
	The Future	
1:50	NELSWG future directions; role and feasibility	All
2:10	Big loon meeting	All
2:20	Other business/next NELSWG meeting	All
2:30	Adjourn, followed by loon necropsy	