

# **NORTHEAST LOON STUDY WORKING GROUP**

## **2014 AGENDA**

### **25<sup>th</sup> Meeting – The Loon Center, Moultonborough, NH**

#### **Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

10:00 Welcome and introductions All

#### **State Monitoring and Populations**

10:15 State comparisons Harry Vogel, Loon Preservation Committee

10:45 Maine loon count Susan Gallo, Maine Audubon Society

11:00 Other state reports/highlights Any

11:20 Discussion of state monitoring efforts – gaps, collaborations All

11:40 Revision of state Wildlife Action Plans Emily Preston, NH Department of Fish & Game

#### **12:00 Lunch**

#### **Threats**

1:00 Squam Lake Loon Initiative update Tiffany Grade, LPC

1:20 Milfoil, herbicides, and loons Chris Conrod, LPC

1:40 Lead tackle update Tiffany Grade, LPC

#### **Health and Mortality**

2:00 Health assessments of loons in NY & NH Nina Schoch, Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation of Biodiversity Research Institute

2:20 Pathology & other updates Mark Pokras, Tufts Wildlife Clinic

2:40 Sternal puncture study Julia Graham, Tufts

2:55 Fishing gear digestion study Nancy Makuch, Tufts

#### **3:10 Break**

#### **“Restore the Call” Initiative**

3:30 “Restore the Call” initiative overview Dave Evers, BRI

4:00 Translocation and captive rearing of loon chicks Michelle Kneeland, BRI

4:30 Diurnal loon capture method Vin Spagnuolo, BRI

**5:00 Adjourn and meet at local watering hole**

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9:00 Gather and coffee

#### **Natural History**

9:10 Communication networks within summer loon populations Jay Mager, Ohio Northern University

9:30 Change in habitat preference among adult loons Walter Piper, Chapman University

#### **Mitigation**

10:00 Restoring loon years lost from North Cape Carrie Gray, BRI

10:15 Mitigation guidelines for loons on hydro reservoirs Danielle D'Auria, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

10:30 Deepwater Horizon oil spill effects on loons in Gulf of Mexico Jim Paruk, BRI

#### **10:50 Break**

#### **Outreach**

11:00 Lead tackle outreach Susan Gallo, MEAS; Susie Burbidge, LPC

11:30 Community-based social marketing to promote lead-free fishing Melissa Leszek, Plymouth State University/LPC

11:50 Loon Symposium in WI Susan Gallo, MEAS

#### **12:00 Lunch**

#### **The Future**

1:00 Research, management & outreach needs All

1:30 NELSWG future directions All  
- Role and feasibility

1:45 Other business/next NELSWG meeting All

#### **2:00 Adjourn**