

# **NORTHEAST LOON STUDY WORKING GROUP**

## **2015 AGENDA**

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

#### **Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

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 Late-season monitoring of loons	Lee Attix, Biodiversity Research Institute
11:20 Volunteers in loon monitoring	Dana Fox, LPC
11:40 Discussion of state monitoring efforts – gaps, collaborations	All

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

#### **Loon Health and Mortality 1**

1:00 COLO eggshell porosity and thickness in North America	Mary-Lee Barboza, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
1:20 Malarial parasites of the COLO	Ellen Martinsen, Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute
1:40 Botulism losses in COLOs	Carrie Gray, BRI
2:00 Predicting biomagnification in loons from plankton	Jim Haney, University of New Hampshire
2:20 The ZAPPR Kit – a new SOP	Nancy Leland, UNH

#### **2:40 Break**

#### **Lead**

3:00 Population-level effects of lead on loons	Tiffany Grade, LPC
3:20 Community-based social marketing to promote lead-free fishing	Melissa Leszek, Plymouth State University
3:40 Fish Lead Free Initiative	Susan Gallo, Maine Audubon
4:00 Policy initiatives on Pb ammunition	Lena Spadacene, Humane Society of the US

#### **Other**

4:20 Transmitters on RTLOs	Carrie Gray, BRI
4:40 B-120 oil spill update	Ken Munney, US Fish and Wildlife Service

**5:00 Adjourn, group photo, and meet at local watering hole**

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8:30 Gather and coffee

#### **Loon Health and Mortality 2**

9:00	Squam Lake Loon Initiative	Tiffany Grade, LPC
9:20	Tufts necropsy findings	Nancy Makuch, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University
9:40	National loon health assessment	Nina Schoch, BRI
10:00	Eagles and loons	David Harris & Chris Martin, NH Audubon
10:20	Factors influencing COLO breeding success	Harry Vogel, LPC

#### **10:40 Break**

#### **Other Worthy Efforts**

11:00	Hydropower and loons	Danielle D'Auria, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife
11:20	Winter site fidelity in COLOs across NA	Jim Paruk, BRI
11:40	MN chick translocation	Jim Paruk, BRI
12:00	Social media outreach	Susie Burbidge, LPC

#### **12:20 Lunch**

#### **Rescues and Rehabilitation**

1:00	Winter & other rescues of loons	John Cooley, LPC; Eric Hanson, Vermont Center for Ecostudies
1:20	Loon rehabilitation	Mark Pokras, Tufts

#### **The Future**

1:40	WI Research Committee report	Susan Gallo, Maine Audubon
2:00	Managing large-scale, long-term datasets	Mark Pokras, Tufts
2:20	NELSWG future directions - Role and feasibility	All
2:40	Other business/next NELSWG meeting	All

#### **3:00 Adjourn**