

# **NORTHEAST LOON STUDY WORKING GROUP**

## **2016 AGENDA**

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

**Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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 Wyoming and the west Vin Spagnuolo, Biodiversity Research Institute

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

11:40 National loon health assessment Nina Schoch, BRI

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

#### **Loon Breeding or Lack Thereof**

1:00 Climate change vs. loons in NH John Cooley, LPC

1:20 Loon chick reintroduction in MA Vin Spagnuolo, BRI

1:40 Do males make a terminal investment? Walter Piper, Chapman University

2:10 Secret lives of nesting ADK loons Rory Keating, BRI

#### **2:30 Break**

#### **Human Nesting**

2:50 Loon Smart – best practices for lakeside homeowners Susan Gallo, Maine Audubon

3:10 A nest for the Adirondack Loon Center Nina Schoch, BRI

#### **Other Worthy Research and Ideas**

3:30 Squam Lake Loon Initiative Tiffany Grade, LPC

3:50 Sternal punctures Amanda Higgins, University of Massachusetts, Lowell

4:10 Loon appetites and meager menus Dana Duxbury-Fox, LPC

**4:30 Adjourn, group photo, and meet at local watering hole**

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8:30 Gather and coffee

#### **Winter To Spring**

9:00	Behavior of wintering loons off the coast of Maine	Igor Malenko, University of Southern Maine
9:20	Molting in winter loons	Jim Paruk, BRI
9:40	Adirondack loon rescues	Nina Schoch, BRI
10:00	Winter loon rescues	John Cooley, LPC
10:20	Signs of the Seasons – loon phenology	Susan Gallo, MEA

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

#### **Lead**

11:00	Population-level effects of lead tackle	Tiffany Grade, LPC
11:20	Fish Lead Free initiative	Susan Gallo, MEA; Susie Burbidge, LPC
11:40	BRI proposed lead initiative	Mark Pokras, Tufts University, BRI
12:00	Rehabilitating lead-poisoned loons	Mark Pokras, Tufts/BRI and others

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

#### **Mortality**

1:00	Mortality update	Mark Pokras, Tufts/BRI
1:20	Malarial parasites of the COLO	Ellen Martinsen, Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute
1:40	Mortality database	Mark Pokras, Tufts/BRI

#### **The Future**

2:00	National loon meeting in 2018	Vin Spagnuolo, BRI
2:20	B-120 update, joint NELSWG proposal	Molly Sperduto, US Fish and Wildlife Service
2:40	Future research needs	All
3:00	NELSWG future directions	All
	- Role and feasibility	
3:20	Other business/next NELSWG meeting	All

#### **3:30 Adjourn**