

NORTHEAST LOON STUDY WORKING GROUP

2018 AGENDA

29th Meeting – The Loon Center, Moultonborough, NH

Thursday, March 15th, 2018

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 Loons in the west	Vin Spagnuolo, Biodiversity Research Institute
11:20 Discussion of state monitoring efforts – gaps, collaborations	All
11:40 COLO wintering behavior	Jim Paruk, St. Joseph's College

12:00 Lunch

Lead

1:00 Population-level effects of Pb tackle	Tiffany Grade, LPC
1:20 Lead poisoning in ME COLOs	Brooke Hafford MacDonald, Univ. of Maine
1:40 COLO bone lead study	Kim Kirchner, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
2:00 Fish Lead Free Initiative	Susie Burbidge, LPC; Susan Gallo, Maine Audubon
2:20 Lead tackle & fishing line recycling in MA	Jillian Whitney, MA Department of Conservation and Recreation

2:40 Break

Mortality – Causes, Avoidance, and Restitution

3:00 Necropsy cases, mortality database, and student projects	Mark Pokras, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University
3:30 Rescue, rehab, and triage of loons	John Cooley, LPC
3:50 What to do with loon eggs?	Mark Pokras, Tufts
4:10 B-120 & joint NELSWG proposal	Susan Gallo, Maine Audubon

5:00 Adjourn and meet at local watering hole

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8:00 Gather and coffee

Contaminants, Pathogens, and Other

8:30	Temporal trends in Adirondack loon Hg levels	Valerie Buxton, Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation
8:50	Lake acidification and related threats	Rob Alvo
9:10	Food web transfer of cyanotoxins	Jim Haney, University of New Hampshire
9:40	Squam Lake Loon Initiative update	Tiffany Grade, LPC
10:10	Fish populations and loons	John Cooley, LPC

10:30 Break

Breeding or Lack Thereof

10:50	Climate change vs. loon chicks in NH	John Cooley, LPC
11:10	Potential impacts of climate change	Mark Pokras, Tufts
11:30	MA translocation effort 2015-17	Michelle Kneeland, BRI
11:50	Signs and ropelines analysis	John Cooley, LPC
12:10	Loon Webcam	Susie Burbidge, LPC

12:30 Lunch

The Future

1:30	Other research reports and ideas	Any
1:50	Research, management, and outreach priorities	All
2:10	National loon conference in 2019	Vin Spagnuolo, BRI
2:40	NELSWG future directions	All
3:00	Other business/next meeting	All

3:15 Adjourn