

NORTHEAST LOON STUDY WORKING GROUP

2019 AGENDA

30th Meeting – The Loon Center, Moultonborough, NH

Thursday, March 21st, 2019

10:00 Welcome and introductions All

State Monitoring and Populations

10:10 State comparisons	Harry Vogel, Loon Preservation Committee
10:40 Massachusetts loon surveys	Lucas Savoy, Biodiversity Research Institute
11:00 Maine loon surveys	Alex Dalton, BRI
11:20 Lakes of Maine website	Sally Stockwell, Maine Audubon
11:40 Other state reports/highlights	Any
12:00 Discussion of state monitoring efforts – gaps, collaborations	All

12:20 Lunch

Mortality – Causes & Avoidance

1:20 Necropsy updates & future plans, student project updates	Mark Pokras, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University
1:50 Regional mortality database progress	Meghan Hartwick, Univ. of New Hampshire
2:10 Avian by-catch in Yellowstone Lake	Arcata Leavitt, Ricketts Cons. Foundation

Lead

2:30 Ambio lead review paper	Tiffany Grade, LPC; Mark Pokras, Tufts
2:50 Lead Tackle Buyback Program	Harry Vogel, LPC; Sheridan Brown, LPC
3:10 Fish Lead Free Initiative	Sally Stockwell, ME Audubon

3:30 Break

Other Worthy Research and Ideas

3:50 Winter habitat selection and migration of Red-throated Loons	Carrie Gray, University of Maine
4:10 Practicality and value of time-activity budget studies	Jay Mager, Ohio Northern University
4:30 Tracking older loons – a first look	Lee Attix, Loon Conservation Associates; Lucas Savoy, BRI
4:50 New field techniques for managing loons	Bill Hanson, BRI

5:10 Adjourn and meet at local watering hole

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8:00 Gather and coffee

Breeding or Lack Thereof

8:15	Acid rain in the third millennium	Rob Alvo
8:45	Mercury analysis of Maine loon habitat	Kathleen Carey, Unity College
9:05	Adirondack loons – mercury, sampling, and productivity	Nina Schoch, Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation
9:25	Squam Lake Loon Initiative update	Tiffany Grade, LPC
9:50	Contaminants vs. loon eggs	Tiffany Grade, LPC

10:10 Break

Climate Change & Related

10:30	Climate impacts on loon nesting	John Cooley, LPC
10:50	Alleviating thermal vulnerability of nesting loons	Caroline Hughes, LPC
11:10	Climate change – what to track and do?	Sally Stockwell, ME Audubon; all
11:30	Food web transfer of cyanotoxins	Katie Lowe & Jim Haney, UNH

11:50 Lunch

Other Worthy Research and Ideas, Part Two

12:40	Assessing injury and restoration of loons	Dave Evers, BRI
1:00	Lake Smart/Loon Smart Program	Sally Stockwell, ME Audubon
1:20	Other reports, ideas, priorities	Any

The Future

1:40	Joint NELSWG B-120 proposal	All
2:00	International Loon Symposium 2020	Dave Evers, BRI
2:20	Other business/next meeting	All

2:30 Adjourn