

NORTHEAST LOON STUDY WORKING GROUP
2021 MEETING AGENDA
31st Meeting – Virtual

Tuesday, March 9th

State Monitoring and Populations

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| 10:00 | Loon management and monitoring in the Northeast | Harry Vogel, Loon Preservation Committee |
| 10:30 | Surviving beyond the edge: GYE loon updates | Vin Spagnuolo, Ricketts Conservation Foundation |
| 11:00 | Loon translocation: 2020 summary | Lucas Savoy, Biodiversity Research Institute |
| 11:30 | Citizen Science Working Group | To Be Announced |

Wednesday, March 10th

Population Dynamics

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| 10:00 | Declines in productivity and floater survival in northern WI | Walter Piper, Chapman University |
| 10:30 | Interrelated impacts of climate and land-use change on WI loons | Sarah Saunders, National Audubon Society |
| 11:00 | The Canadian Lakes Loon Survey: What does 40 years of monitoring tell us about productivity? | Doug Tozer, Birds Canada |
| 11:30 | Acid rain pollution continues to negatively impact loon productivity near Sudbury, Ontario | Kristen Bianchini, Birds Canada & Acadia University |

Thursday, March 11th

Health, Death, and Rescue

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| 10:00 | Mortality update | Inga Sidor, New Hampshire Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory & Mark Pokras, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine |
| 10:30 | Avian malaria parasites of Common Loons | Ellen Martinsen, University of Vermont |
| 11:00 | Investigating climate change and loons | Ericka Griggs, Western Connecticut State University & Biodiversity Research Institute |
| 11:30 | Rescue, Triage and Rehabilitation Working Group | Mark Pokras, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine |

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Contaminants

10:00	Beyond Squam: Contaminants in NH loons	Tiffany Grade, Loon Preservation Committee
10:30	Long-term trends in loon mercury	Dave Evers, Biodiversity Research Institute
11:00	Cyanotoxins in Common Loons	Katie Lowe, University of New Hampshire
11:30	The Lead Tackle Buyback Program	Sheridan Brown, Loon Preservation Committee

Wednesday, March 17th

Management & Outreach

10:00	Overview of loon nesting raft design	Eric Hanson, Vermont Loon Conservation Project
10:30	Raft temporary removal and reinstatement project	Alex Dalton & Bill Hanson, Biodiversity Research Institute
11:00	Loon management in the GYE	Arcata Leavitt, Ricketts Conservation Foundation
11:30	Outreach and education in the Covid-19 era	Caroline Hughes, Loon Preservation Committee

Thursday, March 18th

Migration and Wintering

10:00	Loon spring migration at Apalachee Bay, Florida	Paul Spitzer, Florida Museum of Natural History
10:30	The cross-peninsular spring migration of Florida loons	Andy Kratter, Florida Museum of Natural History
11:00	Freshwater reservoirs as COLO wintering habitat	Jay Mager, Ohio Northern University & Jim Paruk, St. Joseph's College
11:30	Winter ecology and behavior of loons at Lake Jocassee	Jim Paruk, St. Joseph's College & Jay Mager, Ohio Northern University

Planning

12:00	2022 Loon Conference	Dave Evers & Lucas Savoy, Biodiversity Research Institute
12:15	Future topics of research and discussion	All
12:30	2022 NELSWG Meeting	All