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**Weeks of June 25 and July 2**

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## COASTAL NEWS

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[Kayak Tours of Great Bay and Kayak Striper Fishing Workshop Offered,](#) N.H. Fish and Game press release, July 6

[Room for Improvement on Energy Efficiency,](#) NHPR The Exchange, July 6

[Plant tax abatement denied,](#) Seacoast Online, July 6

[Town of Stratham drops out of regional recycling initiative,](#) Seacoast Online, July 6

[Benchmark report on N.H. climate plan notes progress and challenges ahead,](#) Foster's Daily Democrat, July 5

[Board to discuss possible Farmington Superfund site,](#) Foster's Daily Democrat, July 5

[Several southern Maine beaches fail water quality tests,](#) Seacoast Online, July 4

[Rain barrel auction to be held online](#), Seacoast Online, July 4

[Coalition meets with feds; Seeks further studies on nitrogen in Great Bay](#), Seacoast Online, July 3

[Planners urge preventive action as sea levels rise](#), Seacoast Online, June 29

[Towns reacting quickly to swiftly rising sea levels](#), Seacoast Online, June 29

[Grant would fund study of pollutants](#), Seacoast Online, June 29

[Coalition forms to protect Great Bay](#), Seacoast Online, June 29

[Hampton Beach State Park is rated a Five Star Beach by NRDC](#), NHDES press release, June 28

[Dover City Council approves resolution to buy Willand Pond land](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, June 28

[NRC lawyers: Delay power plant licensing](#), Seacoast Online, June 28

[Study calls East Coast sea-level rise 'hot spot'](#), Seacoast Online, June 28

[Marsh tests high for E. coli](#), Seacoast Online, June 28

[Conservation panel won't endorse basketball arena at Seacoast United site](#), Seacoast Online, June 27

[Two NH beaches are ranked among top nationwide](#), Union Leader, June 27

[What's Going On at Phillips Exeter Lawn?](#), Exeter Patch, June 26

[More than just a swamp](#), The Wire, June 26

[Bill that reforms RGGI becomes law](#), Concord Monitor, June 26

[New "Let's Get Outside" program at the Discovery Center](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, June 26

[Volunteers spruced up the Discovery Center](#), opinion, Seacoast Online, June 26

[Nuke plant's safety woes shake our confidence](#), opinion, Seacoast Online, June 26

[Celebrate National Oceans Month by Volunteering with the Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation](#), NHDES Press Release, June 25

[Sea rise faster on East Coast than rest of globe](#), Associated Press, Foster's Daily Democrat, June 25

[Sailboat rescued off Sullivan Bridge](#), Seacoast Online, June 25

[Great Bay Estuary: Let's get on with it](#), opinion, Foster's Daily Democrat, June 24

[Great Bay Estuary and the EPA's bullying tactics](#), opinion, Foster's Daily Democrat, June 24

[Dos, don'ts of messing with the shorelines](#), Union Leader, June 23

## GRANT AND LOAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Clean Water State Revolving Fund; the N.H. Department of Environmental Services is soliciting pre-applications for stormwater and nonpoint source projects under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Funds are available as low-interest loans, but applicants may be eligible for principal forgiveness for a portion of the loan. Pre-applications are due by 4:00 pm on July 20, 2012.

2013 Local Source Water Protection Grants, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, proposals due November 1, 2012

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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New Hampshire Water Sustainability Commission Public Comment Period, July 2, 2012 – July 31, 2012

The New Hampshire Water Sustainability Commission is seeking public comments on how New Hampshire residents feel about the water and water resource challenges the state faces over the next 25 years.

[Access online public comment survey.](#)

## NEW RESOURCES

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New Hampshire's Energy, Environmental, and Economic Development Benchmark Report, by the N.H. Energy and Climate Collaborative; The report provides a foundation upon which to track and grade future progress relative to strategies recommended in New Hampshire's Climate Action Plan.

## UPCOMING LOCAL WORKSHOPS

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**July 17, 5–7:30pm;** [Interpreting plans and permit applications comments and recommendations that make a difference](#); Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center, Greenland N.H.; co-hosted by Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership, Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Piscataquog River LAC, and Upper Merrimack River LAC

## UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

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**Thursdays in July, 6–8pm;** [specialty sails by the Gundalow company](#); Entertainment by local musicians, or special maritime and environmental expert guests on board.

**July 9, 2–5 pm;** [NH Listens Water Sustainability session for "Water Professionals,"](#) the New Hampshire Water Sustainability Commission, Concord, N.H.

**July 14, 8–10 pm;** [Clean Water Music Series](#), Wakefield Opera House, Sanbornville, N.H., hosted by the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership

**July 21, 10 am–2 pm;** [Winnicut River Restoration and Fish Pass Open House](#), Winnicut River Watershed Coalition, N.H. Rivers Council, and additional partners

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The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Coastal Program provides funding and staff assistance to towns and cities, and other local and regional groups who protect clean water, restore coastal habitats, and help make communities more resilient to flooding and other natural hazards. The program's efforts are focused on N.H.'s coastal watershed, an area that encompasses 820 square miles and 42 municipalities. The Coastal Program supports the region's economy by helping to preserve the environmental health of the coast and Great Bay and Hampton-Seabrook estuaries for fishing and shellfishing, and assisting with the maintenance of our ports, harbors and tidal rivers for commercial and recreational uses.

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