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COASTAL NEWS CLIPS

Great Bay Clips

[Coalition's appeal of Newmarket's water permit denied](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, December 7

Water and Stormwater Clips

[Environmental concerns prompt proposed zoning changes in Rye](#), Seacoast Online, December 18

[Pollutants flushed into brook by contractor have been cleared, says DES](#), Seacoast Online, December 14

[Stratham seeks wastewater agreement with Port City](#), Seacoast Online, December 14

[Stratham casting a wider net in sewer sharing plan](#), Seacoast Online, December 13

Coastal Hazards and Climate Change Clips

[Dover plans to use grant to help property owners reduce flood insurance costs](#), Union Leader, December 8

Dam Clips

[Dam removal option should be on the ballot](#), opinion, Seacoast Online, December 17

[Removing Great Dam could be costly mistake](#), opinion, Seacoast Online, December 13

[Selectmen were wrong to delay Great Dam vote](#), opinion, Seacoast Online, December 13

[Panel looks to better inform residents about Great Dam](#), Seacoast Online, December 10

Ocean Clips

[Former National Ocean Council Director Joins SeaPlan](#), SeaPlan press release, December 10

Land Conservation Clips

[Property conserved in Milton](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, December 8

Invasive Species Clips

[State Officials Confirm Emerald Ash Borer Detected in Essex County \(Mass.\)](#), Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs press release, shared on UNH Cooperative Extension website

Fish and Wildlife Clips

[New Hampshire Osprey Face Many Hazards On Trip To Amazon](#), NHPR, December 13

[Special Fundraising Effort Underway to Support Tern Research at the Isles](#), New Hampshire Fish and Game press release, December 9

Energy Clips

[Study: Schiller Station meets air quality standards](#), Seacoast Online, December 19

[Relicensing of Seabrook nuclear plant draws fire](#), Seacoast Online, December 18

[Mass. politicians to NRC: Don't relicense Seabrook nuke plant](#), Seacoast Online, December 18

[Maine Audubon attacked over report on wind farms](#), Associated Press, Seacoast Online, December 12

[Solar energy project nearly finished in Durham](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, December 8

Municipal Clips

[Critics blast five-story Northern Tier development](#), Seacoast Online, December 20

[Residents Complain of Size of Whole Foods Project](#), Seacoast Online, December 20

[Hampton Chamber: Keep commercial trash collection](#), Seacoast Online, December 20

[Rodent problem stalls Newington hotel plan](#), Seacoast Online, December 18

[Town concerned about PSNH pole replacement plan](#), Seacoast Online, December 17

Other Clips

[Abandoned boat site cleaned up](#), Seacoast Online, December 18

['Big Area of Potential Lead Poisoning' Could Close Gun Club](#), Hampton-North Hampton Patch, December 10

COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES

[General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Industrial Activities](#) - EPA is seeking comments on the updated draft permit to regulate stormwater discharges from industrial activities to replace the current 2008 Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) when it expires later this year. The proposed permit will help protect U.S. waterways from industrial sector pollutants, which can contribute to aquatic ecosystem degradation, increase drinking water treatment costs, and impair the recreational use and aesthetic value of waterways. **Comments deadline has been extended to December 26.**

[Draft Nonpoint Source Management Plan](#), The Plan serves as a non-regulatory road map to guide NPS Program activities including outreach, planning, and implementation projects. The Plan updates the state's 1999 NPS Plan and outlines New Hampshire's approach to addressing NPS pollution during years 2015 through 2019. If you would like to submit individual comments on the draft Plan or a particular NPS topic please submit written comments via email by May 31, 2014 to Jillian McCarthy at jillian.mccarthy@des.nh.gov.

NEW RESOURCES

[Northeast Recreational Boater Survey Technical Report](#), SeaPlan; this report provides a comprehensive description of the survey, methodology and partners, as well as the full suite of survey results. Results include economic impact estimates, maps displaying boater activity and demographic information.

[Northeast Ocean Data website upgrade of the interactive maps](#), Northeast Ocean Data Working Group; the enhanced maps make it even simpler to see data on the ocean environment and human uses of the ocean. The maps focus on six themes: maritime commerce, recreation, aquaculture, fish and shellfish, marine mammals and sea turtles, and other marine life.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 7, 1-2:30pm: [O&M and Green: Best Practices for Green Infrastructure Operations and Maintenance webinar](#), US Environmental Protection Agency's [Green Infrastructure Program](#) webcast series.

January 10, seventh annual Lamprey River Symposium, University of New Hampshire Memorial Union Building; hosted by [New Hampshire Water Resource Research Center](#). The Annual Lamprey River Symposium is dedicated to exchanging the results of recent research on the water quality, hydrology, water resources issues, and management of the Lamprey River watershed. [Electronic registration now available.](#)

January 17, 22, & 29, February 1 & 12; [Community Training in Ecological Design](#); Boscowen, NH & Concord, NH; hosted by the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension

[Stormproofing Workshops](#); various times and locations; UNH Cooperative Extension

[Volunteer Beach Cleanups](#); various times and locations; Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation

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