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Clean Beaches Week is Underway You Can Help Keep New Hampshire Beaches Clean!

Concord, NH—Governor John Lynch proclaimed the week of June 29, 2007 through July 5, 2007 as Clean Beaches Week. The purpose of this week is to raise public awareness of clean and healthy recreational experiences. Beach clean-ups will occur along New Hampshire's coast during the week. Clean Beaches Week is sponsored by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and the Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation.

Every year, Americans make nearly 2 billion visits to coastal and inland beaches. Many coastal communities depend on income from the tourism and seafood industries to help fuel their thriving populations. While the United States coast makes up only 10 percent of our land mass, 54 percent of the population lives on the coast. This number is predicted to rise to 75 percent in the next 20 years.

If you would like to help keep New Hampshire's beaches clean, please volunteer your time by visiting the Blue Ocean Society website at www.blueoceansociety.org/cleanup.htm. And, next time you go to the beach, take your trash with you when you leave.

For information about the DES Beach Program and to find current beach advisories, visit www.des.nh.gov/Beaches.

Clean Beaches Week is sponsored nationally by the Clean Beaches Council and is part of Great Outdoors Month. Visit www.cleanbeaches.org for more information.

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