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The Rip Tide E-Info

The e-newsletter of the N.H. Coastal Program



March 5 Issue: Weeks of February 25 and 18

COASTAL NEWS CLIPS

Great Bay Clips

[Nitrogen at center of Dover wastewater debate,](#) The Union Leader, February 21

[Council meets with DES head to discuss Great Bay issues,](#) Foster's Daily Democrat February 21

[Newmarket struggles with 'backyard' clean up of Great Bay,](#) Seacoast Online, February 20

[Legal fights over EPA permits go on,](#) Seacoast Online, February 15

Water and Stormwater Clips

[Tackling stormwater issues will be costly: Permits will range from \\$80g to \\$800g annually for five years,](#) Foster's Daily Democrat, March 1

[EPA reps discussing new stormwater permits today,](#) Foster's Daily Democrat, February 28

[Exeter, Stratham in Talks to Share Water/Sewer,](#) Exeter Patch, February 25

Selectmen urged to look at future of Wakefield water system,
NewHampshireLakesandMountains.com, February 21

Sewer sludge dewatering improvements save energy, simplify operation, Seacoast Online, February 21

Federal judge sets Portsmouth sewer upgrade deadlines,
Seacoast Online, February 20

Sewer District raises concerns about drainage project,
Seacoast Online, February 20

EPA releases new draft for Clean Water Act permits in NH,
The Union Leader, February 17

Coastal Hazards and Climate Clips

Climate change: a real problem with real solutions, climate change theme issue of the Gulf of Maine Times, March 4

Fish Clips

NH AND RI Schedule Public Hearings on Winter Flounder Draft Addendum III, NH hearing scheduled March 5 at 7pm at the Urban Forestry Center in Portsmouth; New Hampshire Fish and Game press release, March 4

Energy Clips

Concrete cracks won't factor into nuclear power plant relicensing, Seacoast Online, February 25

Ports and Harbors Clips

New harbor plan approved (in Wells, Maine), Seacoast Online, February 21

Long Bridge called 'chokepoint in Northeast U.S. shipping route', Seacoast Online, February 20

Dredging complete at Seabrook/Hampton harbor, Seacoast Online, February 19

Municipal Clips

Proposed zoning amendment a 'quality of life matter,'
Seacoast Online, March 5

Waterfront development in Newmarket gets nod, Seacoast
Online, February 19

Engineers Week: Granite State Business Park in Rochester
will create jobs, The Union Leader, February 17

Education Clips

Souhegan Students Prep For National Ocean Science Bowl,
Amherst Patch, February 21

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Green Infrastructure for New Hampshire Coastal
Communities is looking for municipalities and stakeholders in the
Coastal Watershed to participate in this new project, which will deliver
customized no-cost technical assistance and educational resources
focused on stormwater management. There are several ways to
participate outlined on the Project Interest and Participation
Form.

The Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment is
calling for nominations for its annual awards. Please consider
nominating a deserving volunteer or professional individual or group
for a Visionary Award, an individual volunteer for the Longard Award,
a professional for the Susan Snow-Cotter Leadership Award, a
business for the Industry Award, and a community or group within a
community for the Sustainable Communities Award using the forms at
www.gulfofmaine.org/2/opportunities/. Deadline is March 30, 2013.

NEW RESOURCES

New Hampshire's Climate: Past and Future Changes, a two
page overview highlighting the 2011 report's main findings;
view full report at Carbon Solutions New England.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

March 7, presentation on new small MS4 ((Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems) permit, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Designed especially for New NH Small MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems) municipalities and the public, this presentation will include the background of the NH MS4 permits and permit requirements for NH municipalities new to this permit process. Exeter Town Hall, 9 Front Street, Exeter, NH. (This is the "Old" Town Hall across the street from the Town Offices. A municipal parking lot is behind the Town Offices and can be accessed from Water Street).

March 14, Small MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems) Public Hearing 2-5pm; NHDES – Pease Field Office, Pease International Tradeport, 222 International Drive, Suite 175, Portsmouth, NH 03801. [View the Draft New Hampshire Small MS4 General Permit](#)

March 18, 7:00-8:30pm; [Meet Your Great Bay-Piscataqua Waterkeeper](#), presentation and discussion, part of the Gundalow Company's Contemporary Coastal Issues series

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7, 6:30-9pm; [movie screening of BAG IT](#); The Gaslight, Portsmouth, N.H.; hosted as part of Rise Above Plastics Campaign by [New Hampshire Surfrider Foundation](#)

March 22, 8-4pm; [2013 Water and Watershed Conference](#), Plymouth State University, Plymouth, N.H.

April 10, 7:30am-6pm; ["Science: Becoming the Messenger" Workshop](#), hosted by the National Science Foundation and located at the University of New Hampshire. [Register here.](#)

[Volunteer Beach Cleanups](#); Various times and locations in March and beyond; Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation

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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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