

May 17 Issue: April 27 - May 17

## COASTAL NEWS CLIPS

---

### Great Bay Clips

[Septic systems big contributor to Great Bay pollution](#), Seacoast Online, May 17

[Report breaks down nitrogen sources in Great Bay](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, May 17

[New Study: Lawn Fertilizer, Septic Tanks Big Contributors To Great Bay Pollution](#), NHPR, May 15

[Granite monument to feature map of Great Bay estuary](#), Seacoast Online, May 10

[Great Bay Monument Planned for Exeter](#), Exeter Patch, May 9

[It's not just ratepayers who are responsible](#), opinion, Seacoast Online, May 7

[Future health of Great Bay debated](#), Seacoast Online, May 3

[Towns will need federal funds to clean up Great Bay](#), Seacoast Online, May 3

[Shea-Porter, others discuss solutions for Great Bay](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, May 2

[Great Bay gets boost from Rep. Shea-Porter](#), Manchester Union Leader, April 30

[Cities sign pact with state for Great Bay peer review](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, May 1

### Water and Stormwater Clips

[EPA extends comment period for stormwater permits](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, May 11; [View draft New Hampshire Small MS4 General Permit public comment period on the Environmental Protection agency website](#)

[Illegal to hook sump pump to sewer in Exeter](#), Seacoast Online, May 7

[Town mulls joining fight vs. new EPA stormwater rules](#), Seacoast Online, May 7

[North Hampton may fight EPA groundwater standards](#), Seacoast Online, April 30

## **Coastal Hazards and Climate Change Clips**

[Bill to Prep for Rising Sea Levels](#), Hampton-North Hampton Patch, May 9  
[Exeter residents fear flooding downtown, on Parkway](#), Seacoast Online, April 30

[Engaging Community Residents Essential for Climate Change Adaptation to Happen](#), Gulf of Maine Times, April 28

## **Beach and Ocean Clips**

[35 tons of recovered fishing gear to be reused, recycled](#), Seacoast Online, April 30

[Ocean planning meeting set for next month](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, May 8

## **Energy Clips**

[NRC still backs Seabrook nuke plant's environmental safety](#), Seacoast Online, May 13

[NRC Issues Draft Supplement to Draft Environmental Impact Report on Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal Application](#), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, press release, May 8

## **Restoration Clips**

["Pulling Together" to Help Combat Invasive Plants: Weed Wrenches Available for Free Loan](#), NHFG press release, May 17

[Volunteers Growing Hope for Oysters in New Hampshire](#), EcoSystem Indicator Partnership Journal, Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment, May 2013

[Progress on project to remove dam at Little River](#), Seacoast Online, May 7

## **Wildlife Clips**

[Piping plovers irk beach residents in Seabrook](#), Seacoast Online, May 17

[Elver Poachers Arrested in Hampton Falls](#), NHFG Press Release, May 3

[UNH student studying horseshoe crabs, survivors for 350 million years](#), press release, Seacoast Online, May 7

## Education Clips

[Love That Dirty Water: Middle Schoolers Get a Lesson in Citizen Science](#), UNH Today, May 9

[Gundalow named a Yankee 'Editors' Choice.'](#) Foster's Daily Democrat, May 4

[Marine groups vying for space in Seashell](#), Seacoast Online, April 28

## Other Clips

[Scientist, market honored by coastal conservationists](#), Seacoast Online, April 28

## GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

---

[2013 Land Protection Transaction Grants](#); The Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP) is offering matching grants of up to \$5,000 per project to assist with transaction costs for permanent land protection projects (conservation easements, full fee acquisitions, donations) within the Piscataqua Region coastal watershed area (coastal New Hampshire and part of southern Maine). Deadline: Proposals must be emailed to PREP or postmarked by 5pm June 7, 2013.

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Notice of Title V Permit Review Public Hearing and Comment Period for NextEra Energy Seabrook](#), LLC, 626 Lafayette Rd., Seabrook, NH; NHDES Air Resources Division; Comments must be received to [patricia.north@des.nh.gov](mailto:patricia.north@des.nh.gov) no later than Monday, May 20, 2013

[Public Notice - Great Bay Nitrogen Non-Point Source Study Available for Public Comment](#); Comments will be accepted until 4 pm on June 17, 2013

[Public comment on draft regional ocean planning goals and potential actions to achieve these goals](#), Northeast Regional Planning Body, a group of state, tribal, and federal representatives from New England who are working to implement the National Ocean Policy and advance regional ocean planning over the next few years. A public meeting will be held on June 25 from 4-7pm at DES Pease Field Office to discuss the draft goals. [View the draft regional planning goals.](#)

## NEW PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

---

[Draft Great Bay Nitrogen Non-Point Source Study, Section V – Model Results for Subwatersheds and Municipalities in the Piscataqua Region, Appendices](#); publication, N.H. Department of Environmental Services  
[New Hampshire's Environmental Dashboard](#), website showing trends in New Hampshire's environment, N.H. Department of Environmental Services

## UPCOMING EVENTS

---

**May 20, 6:30-8:45pm;** [NH Surfrider Foundation presents "Bag It"](#) as part of the Contemporary Coastal Issues program by the Gundalow Company; 60 Marcy Street, Portsmouth, NH

**June 1, 9am-1pm;** [Seacoast Weed Watcher Program, Early Detection-Rapid Response of Invasive Plants in Seacoast, NH](#); Coastal Watershed Invasive Plant Partnership; The Nature Conservancy's Great Bay Office, 112 Bay Road, Newmarket, NH

**June 25, 4-7pm;** [Northeast Regional Ocean Planning Public Meeting](#), NHDES Pease Field Office, Portsmouth, NH; [View the draft regional planning goals.](#)

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

---

The Rip Tide E-Info is a bi-weekly news clip service provided by the DES Coastal Program. Each issue links to local news clips, grant openings, resources, and other info important to your work on environmental issues in coastal N.H. The information and opinions expressed in the articles are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of DES. DES cannot guarantee the completeness, accuracy, or reliability of information contained in these articles.

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.

The funds are available to the Coastal Program through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.