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COASTAL NEWS CLIPS

Great Bay Clips

[The next battle with the EPA](#), opinion, Foster's Daily Democrat May 26

[Monument connects residents to Great Bay](#), Seacoast Online, May 24

[Reducing Great Bay Pollution from the rest of us](#), The Wire, May 21

[Communities, state cut deal on review of nitrogen limits](#), Seacoast Online, May 18

Water and Stormwater Clips

[DES Seeking Loan Pre-applications for Drinking Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, and Nonpoint Source Projects](#), NHDES Press Release, May 20

[Province Lake Association focusing on water quality](#), Special to the Union Leader, NewHampshire.com, May 27

[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](#)

Coastal Hazards and Climate Change Clips

[Workshop to detail Port City plans for rising sea levels](#), Seacoast Online, May 29

Beach and Ocean Clips

[Beach Sampling Starts](#), NHDES Beach Program website

[Hampton voted best beach in New England](#), Seacoast Online, May 31

[Give Hampton Beach a hand](#), NewHampshire.com, May 30

[Hampton Beach named among Top 6 beaches in the country](#), press release, NewHampshire.com, May 30

[Water quality tests at public NH beaches begin](#), WMUR, May 28

[Educational touch-tank likely at Hampton Beach](#), Seacoast Online, May 25

[New Robotic Instruments to Provide Data on Gulf of Maine Red Tide](#), The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution press release, May

[Ocean planning meeting set for June 25](#), Regional Planning Body, Northeast Regional Ocean Council

Restoration Clips

[NH Fish & Game offers 'weed wrenching' tools](#). Boston.com, May 17

["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

[Rye police investigate video of man putting foot on seal](#), Seacoast Online, May 29

[Woman finds seal on beach, puts in car and takes to science center](#), WMUR, May 24

[Be Aware of Endangered Piping Plovers on N.H. Beaches; Five Plover Pairs Nesting at Hampton and Seabrook](#), NHFG press release, May 24

Land Conservation Clips

[New Wildlife Management Area Created in Wakefield](#), Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests press release, May

Fish Clips

[Atlantic Herring Landing Days Announced](#), NHFG press release, May 23

Education Clips

[Set sail this summer aboard the Piscataqua](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, May 30

[New gundalow sets sail for new season](#), Seacoast Online, May 27

[Gundalow sailing season starts](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, May 23

Municipal Clips

[Town taking more 'aggressive' stance in wetland violations](#), Seacoast Online, May 28

[Former Collins and Aikman plant could become Superfund site](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, May 22

Air Clips

[DES Declares Air Quality Action Day; Unhealthy Air Pollution Levels Predicted for Friday and Saturday](#), NHDES press release May 30

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.

[NHDES Seeking Loan Pre-applications for Drinking Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, and Nonpoint Source Projects](#); The NHDES is soliciting pre-applications for drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and nonpoint source projects through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program; preapplications due June 28, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Help Combat Invasive Plants; Loaner Tools & Statewide Web Resource; tool library, Groups working to combat invasive plants on the Seacoast can now borrow some tough "Weed Wrenching" tools to make their efforts more effective; Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

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

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 12, 6:30-8:45pm; Gundalow Sail with Peter Wellenberger, Great Bay Piscataqua Waterkeeper; **FREE TO COMMUNITY DECISION-MAKERS** as part of the **Contemporary Coastal Issues program by the Gundalow Company**; 60 Marcy Street, Portsmouth, 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

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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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