

June 14 Issue: June 1-June 14

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COASTAL NEWS CLIPS

Great Bay Clips

[Great Bay Nitrogen Non-Point Source Study Available for Public Comment](#)

; The public comment period for the report has been extended from 30 days to 90 days. Comments will now be accepted until 4:00 pm on August 16, 2013; N.H. Department of Environmental Services

Water and Stormwater Clips

[Eliot voters reject sewer expansion plan](#), Seacoast Online, June 12

[Dog leash rule tightening on York trails](#), Seacoast Online, June 3

[Sewer vote goes to Eliot residents](#), Seacoast Online, June 4

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

, pre-applications are due by 4:00pm on June 28, 2013; N.H. Department of Environmental Services

EPA extends comment period for stormwater permits to August 15, [View draft New Hampshire Small MS4 General Permit public comment period on the Environmental Protection agency website](#)

Coastal Hazards and Climate Change Clips

[Simulation offers opportunity for climate discussion](#), Seacoast Online, June 13

[A perfect storm for sneezing: Expect longer allergy season and higher pollen count](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, June 5

[Warmer Seas Fuel Maine Crab Invasion](#), RUETERS, Scientific American, May 30

[Adaptation efforts lead to enhanced emergency management](#), The Gulf of Maine Times, May 29

Beach and Ocean Clips

[Fecal Bacteria Advisory Issued for North Hampton State Beach](#)

, Hampton-North Hampton Patch, June 12

[New state beach bathhouse dedicated in No. Hampton](#), Seacoast Online, June 11

[New bathhouse dedicated in North Hampton](#), Newhampshire.com, June 10
[Beach Sampling Starts](#), The most recent test results, reports, and details on all public NH beaches are found at:
<http://www2.des.state.nh.us/DESOnestop/BasicSearch.aspx>, just check the "Beaches" box and select any town of interest. Advisory status is also listed here if you search for a beach.

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

Restoration Clips

[Report lays out costly options for Great Dam](#), Seacoast Online, June 14
[Great Dam removal meeting scheduled for June 26](#), Seacoast Online, June 4

Fish and Wildlife Clips

[Fences for plovers have beach residents riled up](#), Seacoast Online, June 13

[Help Improve the Survival of Angler-released Marine Fish Angler:Port Meeting](#), N.H. Fish and Game press release, June 7

Energy Clips

[PSNH rate request comes in even lower than expected](#), Manchester Union Leader, June 14

[NextEra to enter residential electricity market in NH](#), Manchester Union Leader, June 11

[Public Utilities Commission report suggests PSNH dump power plants](#), Manchester Union Leader, June 10

[Safety Experts Conduct Review at Seabrook Station](#), Hampton-North Hampton Patch, June 5

[International nuclear safety team at Seabrook Station](#), Seacoast Online, June 4

Education Clips

[Lively learning on gundalow](#), Seacoast Online, June 11

[Gundalow Piscataqua's season to set sail, Gundalow Company press release](#), Seacoast Online, June 4

[Green values taught at Brixham](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, June 4

Volunteer Clips

[Coastal Research Volunteers Opportunities](#), NH SeaGrant and UNH Cooperative Extension, Ongoing

[Volunteer Beach Cleanups](#) with the Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation, Ongoing

[Thanks to the Volunteers, letter to the editor](#), Carriage Town News, June 6

Municipal Clips

[Friday Trash Collection Unlikely to Return](#), Hampton-North Hampton Patch, June 12

[Planner urges city to 'clean up' downtown Portsmouth at charette](#), Seacoast Online, June 11

[Newmarket Updates Master Plan Existing Land Use Chapter](#), Strafford Plans, Strafford Regional Planning Blog, June

[Gravel pit plan gets conditional approval](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, June 5

Air Clips

[Schiller Station pollution data generates debate](#), Seacoast Online, June 6

GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

[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 by 4pm June 28, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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[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

[Handbook for Homeowners to Prepare for Coastal Hazards](#); new publication; Mass. Coastal Zone Management, the Mass. Emergency Management Agency, Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Barnstable County, and the Woods Hole and MIT Sea Grant programs

[Strafford Region Plans](#), new blog, Strafford Regional Planning Commission

[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

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 19, 6:30-8:45pm; Gundalow Sail with Racheal Miller, Rozalia Project that uses a robot and imaging sonar from a 60' vessel to clean up our waters and educate people of all ages; **FREE TO COMMUNITY DECISION-MAKERS** as part of the [Contemporary Coastal Issues program by the Gundalow Company](#); 60 Marcy Street, Portsmouth, NH

June 19, 7-9pm; [Rivers 101: How a River Works & the Mad River Restoration Project](#), Farmington Town Offices, 356 Main Street, Farmington, N.H. Hosted by the Strafford Regional Planning Commission and Cocheco River Local Advisory Committee with speakers from N.H. Department of Environmental Services. **Please RSVP** by calling (603) 994-3500 or email kpimental@strafford.org

June 20, 6:00-8:30pm, [Angler:Port Meeting](#), learn about best handling practices when releasing fish, and find out how anglers on other coasts are improving survival of angler-released fish, Urban Forestry Center, 45 Elwyn Rd, Portsmouth, N.H. The meeting is being jointly hosted by NOAA Fisheries Service and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

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

June 26, 6:30-9pm; [a public meeting to present the results reported in the Exeter Great Dam Removal Impact Assessment Study Draft Final Report](#), Exeter High School Auditorium

Volunteer Beach Cleanups; Various times and locations in March and beyond; Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation

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