

January 17 Issue: December 20 - January 17

## COASTAL NEWS CLIPS

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### Great Bay Clips

[Coalition awaits results of water quality review](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, January 13

[Sewer suit heads to Supreme Court](#), Seacoast Online, January 12

### Water and Stormwater Clips

[Peirce Island archeological dig report drafted](#), Seacoast Online, January 17

[Exeter risks wasting shot at Stratham sewer deal](#), opinion, Seacoast Online, January 7

[Wakefield Adopts New Water Quality Protection Language](#), The Source, NHDES Newsletter, Winter 2014 edition

### Coastal Hazards and Climate Change Clips

[Walking the Floodplain to Protect Historic Portsmouth from Sea Level Rise](#), Crow's Nest Blog, Coastal Adaptation Workgroup; cross-posted from The Great American Adaptation Road Trip blog, January 15

[Reviewing threat of sea-level rise to Kittery](#), Seacoast Online, January 16

### Dam Clips

[Removal of Great Dam will not impact water supply](#), opinion, Seacoast Online, January 17

[Questions about dam have already been answered](#), opinion, Seacoast Online, January 17

[Voters are ready to be heard on Great Dam](#), opinion, Seacoast Online, January 17

[Great Dam removal petition gets filed](#), Seacoast Online, January 17

[Town prepares for Great Dam removal petition](#), Seacoast Online, January 14

[Tearing down town's dam may impact water supply](#), opinion, Seacoast Online, January 14

[Exeter prepares to seek federal funds for Great Dam removal](#), Seacoast Online, January 13

[Should Exeter's Great Dam Be Removed?](#), Exeter Patch, January 13

[It's decision time on Exeter dam](#), opinion, Seacoast Online, January 7

## **Beach Clips**

[Seacoast Science Center coming to seals' rescue](#), Seacoast Online, December 27

## **Land Conservation Clips**

[Program gets big grant to connect Pawtuckaway to Great Bay](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, January 16

## **Invasive Species Clips**

[The environmental, and economic, costs of invasive species](#), NH Business Review

## **Fish Clips**

[N.H. Candidates Sought for New England Fishery Management Council](#), N.H. Fish and Game press release, January 15

[Public Hearing February 11 on Two Proposed Great Bay Shellfish Operations](#), N.H. Fish and Game press release, January 13

## **Energy Clips**

[Maine offshore wind project faces 1st major hurdle](#), Associated Press, Seacoast Online, January 12

[NRC: More info needed on concrete degradation at Seabrook Station](#), Seacoast Online, December 27

[NRC: No relicense until ASR addressed](#), The Daily News of Newburyport, December 20

[Critics slam nuke plant at NRC hearing](#), Seacoast Online, December 20

## **Municipal Clips**

[Article would allow 80-foot buildings at Hampton Beach](#), Seacoast Online, January 16

[Shared driveway ban eyed in Newington](#), Seacoast Online, January 15

[Newfields water district expansion gets town approval](#), Union Leader, January 14

[Wood Island life saving station gets boost; Kittery officials help apply for \\$200K grant](#), Seacoast Online, January 14

[Kittery sets hearing for asbestos abatement project](#), Seacoast Online, January 13

[Review begins for North End proposal in Portsmouth](#), Seacoast Online, January 10

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## COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES

[Draft Nonpoint Source Management Plan](#), The Plan serves as a non-regulatory road map to guide NPS Program activities including outreach, planning, and implementation projects. The Plan updates the state's 1999 NPS Plan and outlines New Hampshire's approach to addressing NPS pollution during years 2015 through 2019. If you would like to submit individual comments on the draft Plan or a particular NPS topic please submit written comments via email by May 31, 2014 to Jillian McCarthy at [jillian.mccarthy@des.nh.gov](mailto:jillian.mccarthy@des.nh.gov).

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

[New Request for Proposals – Options for Enhanced Decision-making in Ocean Planning](#); The Northeast Regional Ocean Council is seeking proposals for contractor assistance to provide support and expertise to the Northeast Regional Planning Body (RPB) in identifying potential options for enhancing inter-agency coordination, public input, and the use of data in existing regulatory processes as part of ocean planning activities in New England; **deadline for proposals is January 27**.

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## NEW RESOURCES

[Northeast Recreational Boater Survey Technical Report](#), SeaPlan; this report provides a comprehensive description of the survey, methodology and partners, as well as the full suite of survey results. Results include economic impact estimates, maps displaying boater activity and demographic information.

[Northeast Ocean Data website upgrade of the interactive maps](#), Northeast Ocean Data Working Group; the enhanced maps make it even simpler to see data on the ocean environment and human uses of the ocean. The maps focus on six themes: maritime commerce, recreation, aquaculture, fish and shellfish, marine mammals and sea turtles, and other marine life.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 22-23**, [Northeast Regional Planning Body](#), [Hyatt Regency Cambridge](#) located at 575 Memorial Drive in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Please [register](#) to indicate your attendance at this meeting. Meeting materials including the agenda and discussion documents are [posted online](#).

**January 27, 6pm;** Kittery Town Hall; Reviewing threat of sea-level rise to Kittery, Presentation by UNH Institute for the Study of Earth Oceans and Space  
Cameron Wake

**Volunteer Beach Cleanups;** various times and locations; Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation

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