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COASTAL NEWS CLIPS

Great Bay Clips

[Seacoast communities rising to nitrogen challenge](#), by Wright-Pierce, Seacoast Online, February 17

Water and Stormwater Clips

[Wakefield ponders future of water precinct](#), NewHampshireLakesandMountains.com, February 21

[Exeter improves sewer lines to reduce discharges into river](#), by Underwood Engineers, Seacoast Online, February 17

[Public-private approach to infrastructure delivers savings](#), by Wright-Pierce, Seacoast Online, February 17

[Engineered gardens reduce Greenland storm water footprint](#), by Underwood Engineers, Seacoast Online, February 17

[Eliot eyes aging infrastructure, wastewater costs; Underwood's work helps town reduce clean water flow to sewer plant](#), by Underwood Engineers, Seacoast Online, February 16

[\\$86,000 approved for Kittery sewer pipe fix](#), Seacoast Online, February 11

[NH makes effort to limit salt use near bodies of water](#), Union Leader, February 2

[Exeter, Portsmouth to talk wastewater](#), Seacoast Online, January 31

[Province Lake residents hear water quality presentation](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, January 31

[Residents recommend action items for Cape Neddick River cleanup](#), Seacoast Online, January 31

Coastal Hazards and Climate Change Clips

[New 'climate hubs,' including one in NH, to help farmers](#), from Wire, Staff Reports, Union Leader, February 5

['Climate Hubs' will provide regional networks on climate science, forecasting impacts as part of President's Climate Action Plan](#), U.S. Department of Agriculture press release, February 5

[USDA chief: Climate change already hurting farmers](#), Associated Press, Concord Monitor, February 5

[FEMA flood mapping needs to be consistent](#), opinion, Seacoast Online February 6

[Kittery should prepare for sea-level rise](#), opinion, Seacoast Online, February 4

[Region braces for new floodplain maps](#), Seacoast Online, February 2

[Sea-level rise warning appropriate on Groundhog Day](#), opinion, Seacoast Online, February 6

[A flood of trouble](#), opinion column by Boston Globe columnist Renée Loth, The Boston Globe, February 1

[Senate Passes Bill to Delay Spike in Flood Insurance Rates](#), The New York Times, January 30

Dam Clips

[Exeter River Study Committee Provides Facts and Information](#) Part One, letter to the editor, Carriage Towne News, February 6

[Exeter River Study Committee Provides Facts and Information](#) Part Two, letter to the editor, Carriage Towne News, February 13

[Dam for all time: 101-year-old Mill Pond Dam granted historic status](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, January 30

Ocean Clips

[Shoals Marine Laboratory Announces New Executive Director](#), University of New Hampshire, February 12

[Ocean Planning Update: A Framework for Ocean Planning in the Northeast United States](#), Northeast Regional Ocean Council announcement, February 6

Conservation Clips

[Two to receive 2014 Eileen Foley Award](#), Foster's Daily Democrat, February 22

[NHDES Awards Wetlands Protection Grants, \\$694,900 Provided to Nine Projects](#), including Salmon Falls to Piscataqua River Service Area, N.H. Department of Environmental Services press release, February 19

Volunteer and Education Clips

[Children Learn To Be Good Stewards Of The Great Bay](#), NHPR, February 1

[New Hampshire Sea Grant's Coastal Research Volunteers Help Researchers See the Big Picture](#), NOAA Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research webpage, January 30

Fish Clips

[Portsmouth seafood firm hits 99% of 'sustainable' source goal](#), Union Leader, February 6

Energy Clips

[Train disaster could happen in Portsmouth](#), opinion, Seacoast Online, February 14

[Time to elevate science and facts above politics](#), opinion, Foster's Daily Democrat, February 8

[Seabrook Station is a benefit to local businesses](#), opinion, Seacoast Online, February 7

Business Clips

[Portsmouth company settles lead paint case with EPA](#), Union Leader, February 18

[Simply Green and Lamprey Energy join forces](#), Seacoast Online, February 5

Municipal Clips

[Unitil plans to replace 1-mile gas pipeline in Exeter](#), Seacoast Online, February 12

[Road repair costs drive up budget in Stratham](#), Seacoast Online, February 11

[Recycling surges in Hampton](#), Seacoast Online, February 11

[Seabrook tackles big problem: Beach resident parking](#), Seacoast Online, February 4

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITY

[Request for Proposals to Develop Products Characterizing Marine Life Distribution, Abundance, and Trends](#); the Northeast Regional Ocean Council is seeking proposals for contractor assistance to develop spatial data products and other information characterizing marine mammal, sea turtle, bird, and fish distribution and abundance for use in regional ocean planning. **The deadline for proposals is March 27, 2014.**

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

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gulf of Maine Council 2014 Awards Call for Nominations for Annual Recognition Awards; The Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment is now accepting nominations for its 2014 Awards. As the Council celebrates its 25th Anniversary, it seeks to recognize the value of young people as well as experienced leaders in working together to protect the Gulf of Maine ecosystem. We welcome and encourage nominees of all ages (including students or youth organizations) for our 2014 Gulf of Maine Visionary Awards and Longard Volunteer Award. Submittal deadline is March 30, 2014.

UNH Cooperative Extension is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2014; As part of the celebration, photos are being collected of your favorite New Hampshire scenes for an online exhibit that will be displayed through the centennial year in 2014. **Submit a photo**. Cooperative Extension is also collecting stories from the people who have worked with, benefitted from, or otherwise known and loved UNH Cooperative Extension. **Submit a story**.

Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation is Now Seeking: Blue Ocean Discovery Center Interns, Volunteers and Seasonal Staff; **See the Blue Ocean Society website for more information.**

The Gundalow Company is hiring. The Gundalow Company looking to fill two seasonal positions to start in May, 2014. We are seeking a Relief Captain for per-diem work, and an Educator/Deckhand for regularly scheduled full time work. Applications due March 31. **See the Gundalow website for more information and how to apply.**

NEW RESOURCES

A Framework for Ocean Planning in the Northeast United States; A main result of the January 22-23 Northeast Regional Planning Body meeting was the approval of the Framework for regional planning in the Northeast, containing principles, goals, objectives, and related implementing actions and tasks. This Framework is now available online at neoceanplanning.org.

Ocean Planning in the Northeast, new website, Northeast Regional Planning Body

Regional Clean Water Guidelines for Fertilization of Urban Turf, report with a set of regional voluntary guidelines on turf fertilization aimed at reducing nutrient losses and protecting water quality; New England Interstate Water Pollution Control

Commission. The publication of this final report marks the end of a two-year stakeholder process, which aimed to integrate the positions and expertise of turf fertilizer manufacturers, lawn care professionals, state, federal and local environmental and land care agencies, academic researchers and university extension specialists, and regional watershed and environmental advocacy groups.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 26, [Deadline for applications to receive travel grants to attend the Local Solutions: Northeast Climate Change Preparedness Conference](#) on May 19-21 . [Apply here](#). **February 28, early bird registration ends (20% discount) for the conference.**

March 4, 1-2:30pm; webinar, [Case Studies: Implementing Green Infrastructure under Enforcement Orders](#), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [Green Infrastructure Program](#)

March 5, 6-8pm; [Seacoast Science Cafe: The Tides They Are A-Changin.'](#) Portsmouth Brewery's Jimmy LaPanza Lounge; Hosted by University of New Hampshire faculty member Cameron Wake

March 11 and 12, Environmental Communications Trainings by Eric Eckl of Words that Work, LLC

March 11, [Water Words That Work](#), [Wells NERR](#).

March 12, [More Than a Message](#), [Great Bay NERR](#).

March 21, 8am-4pm; [2014 NH Water & Watershed Conference](#), Location: Plymouth State University; [Registration](#) is open; View the [agenda](#). The conference theme is sustainability of New Hampshire's water resources. Conference Sponsors: Plymouth State University, Plymouth State University Center for the Environment, NH EPSCoR, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

April 9, 6-8pm; [Seacoast Science Cafe: Rain, roofs and roads: hydro-logical thinking for a clean water future](#), Portsmouth Brewery's Jimmy LaPanza Lounge; Hosted by University of New Hampshire faculty member Cameron Wake

April 10, 8:30-3:30; [Coastal New Hampshire Climate Summit III](#); An annual discussion and collaborative forum among scientists, agencies, municipal leaders, watershed organizations and citizens concerned about the impacts of climate change in coastal New Hampshire; Great Bay Discovery Center, 89 Depot Road, Greenland, NH

[Volunteer Beach Cleanups](#); various times and locations; 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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