



Date: August 10, 2017

Subject: **PUBLIC NOTICE – Draft TMDL for Phosphorus for Captain Pond Available for Public Comment**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ACCEPTED UNTIL 4 PM ON September 8, 2017**

Dear Interested Party or Stakeholder:

The “Draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Phosphorus for Captain Pond is now available for public review and comment on the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services website at: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/tmdl/index.htm> and at:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/tmdl/categories/publications.htm>

A copy of the report is also available for review at the Salem, NH, Atkinson, NH and Haverhill MA Town Halls.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) conducted a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for total phosphorus for Captain Pond in Salem, NH. Captain Pond is on the NH 2016 list of impaired waters [i.e. the section 303(d) list] because of low dissolved oxygen levels that can be harmful to fish and other aquatic organisms and elevated levels of Chlorophyll a and Total Phosphorous. Phosphorus is the nutrient responsible for algal growth in most freshwater lakes, ponds and rivers.

The TMDL conducted at Captain Pond identified an in-lake target phosphorus value that, when met, should result in attainment of New Hampshire water quality standards. A phosphorus budget was constructed, phosphorus sources identified and phosphorus reductions allocated to meet the target value. A section of the report is dedicated to implementation and provides recommendations on watershed remediation activities to reduce phosphorus inputs to the lake.

Comments will be accepted until 4 pm on September 8, 2017. Only written comments will be accepted. All comments must include the name of the TMDL, the date and contact information (your name, address, phone, e-mail, and organization). It is anticipated that a public meeting will be held in Salem in August (date to be determined). If interested in attending, please contact Margaret Foss (her contact information is provided below).

Comments can be mailed to:  
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NHDES Watershed Management Bureau  
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Attention Margaret P. Foss, TMDL Coordinator

or sent by email to [TMDL@des.nh.gov](mailto:TMDL@des.nh.gov). A public comment form can be found at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/tmdl/documents/commentform.pdf>. Use of the form is optional.

If you have any questions about the report, please contact Margaret Foss, NHDES TMDL Coordinator at (603) 271-5448 or via email at [margaret.foss@des.nh.gov](mailto:margaret.foss@des.nh.gov)