

NORTHEAST LOON STUDY WORKING GROUP 2008 AGENDA

19th Meeting – Loon Preservation Committee, Moultonborough, NH

Thursday, April 10th, 2008

10:30 Welcome and introductions All

2007 Population Monitoring and Management Comparisons

10:45 State comparisons Harry Vogel, Loon Preservation Committee

11:00 Discussion of state monitoring efforts – gaps, collaborations All

Dead Things and the Things That Killed Them, Part One

11:15 Lead mortality in NH loons Chris McClellan, Colby-Sawyer College

11:30 Lead fishing tackle white paper Emily Brunkhurst, NH Fish & Game

11:45 Loon mortality in New England Mark Pokras, Tufts

12:00 Lunch

Dead Things and the Things That Killed Them, Part Two

1:00 Contaminants in waterbird eggs Wing Goodale, Biodiversity Research Institute

1:15 Squam loon study Harry Vogel, LPC

1:30 Discussion: next steps, samples to run All

Management and Education

1:45 Human development index in VT Eric Hanson, Vermont Loon Recovery Project

2:00 Nest warning sign study in VT Eric Hanson/Anika Klem, Sterling College

2:15 Science on the Fly curriculum Nina Schoch, Adirondack Loon Cons. Program

2:30 Regional lead initiative Mark Pokras, Tufts; Harry Vogel, LPC

2:45 Break

Mercury

3:00 Hg effects paper Dave Evers, BRI

3:15 Hg monitoring in Eastern Canada Neil Burgess, Canadian Wildlife Service

3:30 Impact of Hg on loon immunology Nina Schoch, ALCP

3:45 Examining new Hg toxicity endpoints All

4:00 Next steps in Hg monitoring, funding All

4:15 Open discussion on topics so far All

4:30 Adjourn for day and gather for dinner, location to be determined

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9:00 Gather and coffee

North Cape/Bouchard Oil Spill Restoration

9:15	North Cape restoration & manuscript	Dave Evers, BRI
9:30	Bouchard oil spill restoration	Veronica Varela, USFWS
9:45	Discussion: restoration ideas	All

10:00 Break

More and Future Research

10:15	Loon genetics	Amy McMillan, Buffalo State University
10:30	Next steps for rafts	Chris DeSorbo, BRI
10:45	Exploratory analyses of LPC data	Tom Boucher, Plymouth State University
11:00	Loon habitat quality gradient	Anne Kuhn, USEPA
11:15	Climate change	Mark Pokras, Tufts; others?
11:30	Lake Erie loon mortality	Ken Roblee, NY DEC
12:00	Other research updates	Any
12:15	Future research needs and directions	All

12:30 Lunch

Modeling and Other Research

1:00	Loon population model	Jason Grier, USEPA
1:15	Loon recovery plan	John Cooley, LPC
1:30	Squam system dynamics model	Lori Siegel, Siegel Env. Dynamics
1:45	Refining and using loon models	All

Collaborations

2:00	Discussion on collaborations	All
2:15	NELSWG future directions - role and feasibility - coordination with western states	All
2:30	Other business/next meeting	All

2:45 Adjourn