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**Love a lake? Attend the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Congress!**

***Join others like you on June 2 and June 3 who want the best for our lakes!***

Concord, N.H., May 03, 2022 – If you love a lake, then you won't want to miss the 2022 Lakes Congress presented by Grappone Automotive Group and hosted by NH LAKES. After a two-year hiatus, this popular annual education, training, and networking event returns in person on June 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> to Church Landing along beautiful Meredith Bay on Lake Winnepesaukee.

Join others like you who want the best for our lakes!

- Learn about many lake-related topics from the greatest minds in the state.
- Take actions back to your community to make a difference.
- Enjoy a tasty lunch provided by the Lakehouse Grille.
- Share your stories and challenges and get advice from peers and experts, alike.

On the evening of Thursday, June 2, New Hampshire Boat Museum Executive Director Martha Cummings will kick off Lakes Congress with the fascinating presentation “Celebrating New Hampshire's Freshwater Boating Heritage.” Attendees will explore the evolutionary history of boating on New Hampshire's fresh waterways—from muscle and wind-power to combustion engine-powered boats. This presentation is open to the public. The ticket cost is \$5 per person and pre-registration is required.

On Friday, June 3, Dr. Mary Stampone, the New Hampshire State Climatologist, will present the keynote address “Preparing for the New Normals in New Hampshire's Climate—The Science Behind the New Hampshire State Climate Assessment.” Warmer winters, recurrent droughts, and increased flooding are all signs that climate change is reaching New Hampshire. And, we know that our lakes are already being impacted by these events. Dr. Stampone will share an insider's view of past, present, and future climate trends in the Granite State.

Following the keynote address, attendees will have the opportunity to attend a variety of workshop sessions addressing topics including: advocating for lakes with the state legislature; toxic cyanobacteria; lake-friendly landscaping; municipal enforcement of lake-friendly policy; and microplastics and forever chemicals in our lakes.

“Our lakes are threatened by our changing climate, and so much more. But the good news is there are things each of us can do to keep New Hampshire's 1,000 lakes clean and healthy,” commented Andrea LaMoreaux, NH LAKES President. “Our goal is to not only inspire but to provide each person who comes to Lakes Congress with training and information they can bring to their own communities.”

This event is open to the public. To learn more about the 2022 Lakes Congress and to register, visit [www.nhlakes.org/lakes-congress](http://www.nhlakes.org/lakes-congress).

NH LAKES is the only statewide, publically supported nonprofit organization working to keep New Hampshire's lakes clean and healthy, now and in the future. For more information, visit [www.nhlakes.org](http://www.nhlakes.org), email [info@nhlakes.org](mailto:info@nhlakes.org), or call 603.226.0299.

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Photo 1: Martha Cummings, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Boat Museum, will kick off the NH LAKES 2022 Lakes Congress on the evening of Thursday, June 2, with a presentation exploring the evolutionary history of boating on New Hampshire's fresh waterways.

Photo 2: Dr. Mary Stampone, New Hampshire State Climatologist will present the keynote address at the NH LAKES 2022 Lakes Congress on Friday, June 3, with the presentation "Preparing for the New Normals in New Hampshire's Climate—The Science Behind the New Hampshire State Climate Assessment."

Photo 3: NH LAKES 2022 Lakes Congress Logo "NH LAKES—Working for Clean and Healthy Lakes in a Changing Climate"