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**NH LAKES Brings on Kaitlyn Kelleher as Conservation Program Assistant**  
*Kelleher will assist with NH LAKES' statewide Lake Host and LakeSmart programs*

Concord, N.H., May 11, 2021 – NH LAKES has hired Kaitlyn Kelleher as the organization's Conservation Program Assistant. Kat brings a knowledge and passion for working with volunteers and is looking forward to helping inspire people to take action to keep New Hampshire's lakes clean and healthy.

Kat graduated from Syracuse University in 2017 where they received a B.S. in Biology with a focus on Environmental Studies. Before joining NH LAKES, Kat was an educational coordinator at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Kat also served as a crew leader in Minnesota for the Conservation Corps, working with state and federal groups on projects including tree planting, sawyer work, wildland firefighting, and soil and water conservation district assignments.

The NH LAKES Conservation Program Assistant assists the Conservation Program Manager with the management of the organization's existing conservation programming, including the statewide Lake Host aquatic invasive species prevention program and LakeSmart lake-friendly living programs. They also assist with the development of new conservation programming to advance public awareness of and participation in the organization and its mission.

"We're looking forward to working with Kat. I am thrilled to have her on board and I'm confident she will be a highly effective member of our team," said Krystal Costa Balanoff, NH LAKES Conservation Program Manager.

Established in 1992, the mission of NH LAKES, a statewide, publicly supported nonprofit organization, is to ensure that New Hampshire's 1,000 lakes are clean and healthy, now and in the future. To achieve its mission, NH LAKES works with partners, promotes clean water policies and responsible use, and inspires the public to care for our lakes. For more information, visit [nhlakes.org](http://nhlakes.org), email [info@nhlakes.org](mailto:info@nhlakes.org), or call 603.226.0299

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Photo 1: Kaitlyn Kelleher, recently hired as the Conservation Program Assistant with NH LAKES.