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### **Preventing the Spread of Invasive Species in New Hampshire's Lakes**

*Webinar Presented by NH LAKES and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services*

Concord, N.H., July 13, 2020 – Join NH LAKES and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services on Wednesday, July 15, at 7:00 p.m., for the webinar “Preventing the Spread of Invasive Species in New Hampshire’s Lakes.”

The good news is that the spread of invasive plants—like milfoil—from lake to lake in New Hampshire has slowed over the years. But the bad news is, the spread of invasive animals—like the Asian clam and the Chinese mystery snail—in our lakes is on the rise. Tune in to hear from the experts, Amy Smagula, Exotic Species Program Coordinator from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and Krystal Costa Balanoff, Conservation Program Coordinator from NH LAKES as they explain why invasive species are a problem and what is being done to prevent their spread—and how you can help!

Invasive species are organisms that thrive in an area where they did not naturally develop and that cause harm to the economy, environment, or people. The main way invasive species spread in the lake environment is by traveling from lake to lake on boats, trailers, and recreational gear that has not been properly cleaned, drained, and dried between uses. Large areas of invasive species growing in a lake make swimming and boating difficult and dangerous. They are expensive to control and nearly impossible to get rid of. They also reduce the value of shoreline property.

This webinar is part of the Working for Clean & Healthy Lakes webinar series; a weekly, four-part series. The webinars are FREE, but pre-registration is required, and space is limited. Visit [nhlakes.org/healthy-lakes-webinar](http://nhlakes.org/healthy-lakes-webinar) to learn more and sign up!

Established in 1992, the mission of NH LAKES, a statewide, member supported nonprofit organization, is to ensure that New Hampshire’s 1,000 lakes are clean and healthy, now and in the future. 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 2: Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species