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NH LAKES Offers Working for Clean and Healthy Lakes Webinar Series

Concord, N.H., June 29, 2020 – NH LAKES is pleased to announce another new program for summer 2020—the “Working for Clean & Healthy Lakes” webinar series. New Hampshire is home to nearly 1,000 lakes and ponds. While our state boasts some of the cleanest and healthiest lakes in the country, they face many threats. Tune in and hear how biologists, nonprofit organizations, and volunteers are working together to monitor our lakes and keep them clean and healthy—and learn how you can help!

This weekly, four-part series starts on Wednesday, July 8, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with “Cyanobacteria Monitoring in New Hampshire’s Lakes: What You Need to Know & How You Can Help!” You may have heard it in the news—toxic cyanobacteria blooms have already been seen in some of New Hampshire’s lakes this summer. Tune in to this session and find out what cyanobacteria is, what blooms look like, and what they tell us about the health of our lakes. You’ll also learn what is being done across the state to prevent and monitor for these harmful blooms and what to do if you think you’ve spotted one.

On Wednesday, July 15, tune in to the “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 and find out why invasive species are a problem and what is being done to prevent their spread—and how you can help!

On Wednesday, July 22, don’t miss the session “How Healthy are New Hampshire’s Lakes?” While our state boasts some of the cleanest and healthiest lakes in the country, ever wonder just how healthy they really are? Tune and in and hear from the biologists with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services about how lake health is monitored and what the data tells us about water quality trends. You’ll also find out how you can help monitor the health of our lakes and ponds!

And, on Wednesday, July 29, attend “Loon Monitoring & Recovery in New Hampshire.” The Common Loon is an iconic symbol of New Hampshire’s pristine lakes and ponds and an important part of New Hampshire’s natural character. They are also recognized as sentinels of environmental health because they are sensitive to contaminants in lakes and ponds. Attend this session and find out how loons are doing in New Hampshire today and how you can help with loon monitoring and recovery efforts.

All webinars start at 7:00 p.m., are one hour long, and are FREE, but pre-registration is required, and space is limited. Visit nhlakes.org/healthy-lakes-webinars 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. 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, email info@nhlakes.org, or call 603.226.0299

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