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2009 NH LAKES ISSUES SURVEY
HELP SHAPE THE 2010 NH LAKES AGENDA!

Every year NH LAKES asks for your input on lake issues to determine the agenda for the next year. **YOUR FEEDBACK IS CRITICAL!**

Instructions (Please read carefully):

- 1. Please prioritize the following issue topics from “1” to “5.” (Rank one issue as “1”, one issue as “2”, one issue as “3”, etc.)**
- 2. BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2009, COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THE SURVEY, SCAN IT INTO ELECTRONIC FORMAT AND EMAIL BACK TO jteutsch@nhlakes.org or AFFIX STAMP AND SEND VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL TO: NH LAKES, 84 Silk Farm Rd., Concord, NH 03301.**
- 3. Questions?** Please contact Jared Teutsch at (603) 226-0299 or jteutsch@nhlakes.org

Most Important 1	Very Important 2	Important 3	Somewhat Important 4	Not as Important 5
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A. LAKE WATER TOXICOLOGY

Most everyone is now aware of the potential dangers that polluted water running off the landscape poses to surface water quality. But what about the potential health risks that this polluted runoff poses to individuals who live by or recreate in surface waters? Is there a link between toxic cyanobacteria blooms in our surface waters and higher incidences of certain diseases among people who live near or recreate in these waters? What about the potential health risks that pharmaceutical products which enter our drinking water supplies and our surface waters pose to individuals who drink the water or recreate in the water? What should be done to investigate these pollution issues and what should be done to protect individuals from these types of health risks?

How important is it to you that NH LAKES research the dangers of toxins and pharmaceuticals in our waters?

_____ Importance Level (please do not repeat the number ranking assigned to Issue A discussed above)

Should NH LAKES create legislation to deal with these issues? If “yes” please specify your suggestion(s).

If possible, please name the top one or two examples of surface water toxicology issues that concern you most.

B. STORMWATER AND SEPTIC POLLUTION

Non-point source of pollution comes from many diffuse sources on the landscape such as roads, lawns, driveways, septic systems and houses. As runoff water travels across the landscape, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants (fertilizers, sediment, salt, oil and grease), finally depositing them into lakes, rivers and other public waters.

How important is it to you that NH LAKES work to improve shoreland protections to decrease non-point sources of pollution?

_____ Importance Level (please do not repeat the number ranking assigned to Issue A discussed above)

If possible, please name one or two examples of non-point source pollution that concern you most.

C. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF EXOTIC AQUATIC WEEDS AND ORGANISMS

Plants and other organisms that are not native to the state are considered to be exotic species. Because they are not native to the state's ecosystem, they have no natural predators to moderate their growth, and some may become invasive. Invasive exotic species represent a threat to our aquatic environment and our use of lakes. Examples of invasive exotic aquatic plants and other organisms include variable milfoil, fanwort, didymo, and zebra mussels.

How important is it to you that NH LAKES work to prevent and control exotic aquatic weeds and other organisms?

_____ Importance Level (please do not repeat the number ranking assigned to Issue A or B discussed above)

If possible, please name one or two sources of exotic weeds and organisms that concern you most.

D. BALANCED RECREATION USE OF OUR LAKES AND SURFACE WATERS

As more and more people use our lakes each year for a variety of different purposes, the state is under increasing pressure to effectively balance their different uses and maintain a diversity of "settings" and access points available to recreationists. The state must also appropriately manage and balance high impact (motorized) lake activities with low impact (swimming, kayaking) lake activities through education and regulation to help avoid safety issues and conflict.

How important is it to you that NH LAKES continue to work to help the state maintain a diversity of recreational uses of our lakes, such as through the Water Resource Opportunity Spectrum (WROS)?

_____ Importance Level (please do not repeat the number ranking assigned to Issue A, B, or C discussed above)

If possible, please name one or two recreation-related issues that concern you the most.

E. OTHER ISSUES – PLEASE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH US!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

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