

New Hampshire Estuaries Project

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Fast Facts

Combined population of the 43 Great Bay and Seacoast watershed communities is over 350,000 (1990) -- projected to grow to over 443,000 by 2015.

Nearly 1 in 5 jobs directly related to travel and tourism - the region's second largest industry.

73% of watershed is forested or open lands.

Recreational shell-fishing contributes an estimated \$3 million annually to state and local economies.

Recreational salt-water fishermen spent \$52 million in 1990.



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Status Update & Next Steps

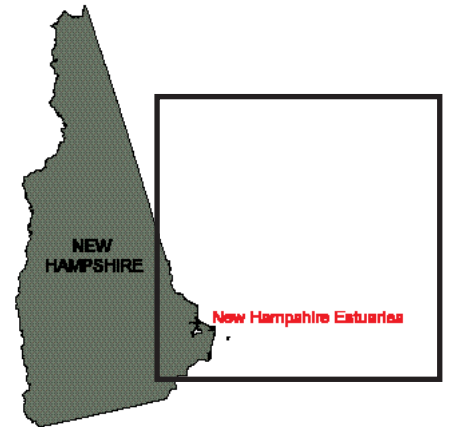
The program is currently refining its list of priority issues.

Most activities are directed at enhancing estuarine water quality through the identification, abatement, and prevention of nonpoint source pollution. Bacterial contamination introduced through stormwater runoff and faulty septic systems are priority management issues.

The decline and management of shellfish resources will be addressed in light of pathogen contamination and habitat degradation.

Changes in shoreline/riparian buffers are environmental management issues that impact both water quality and habitat values.

The possibility of future nutrient enrichment and impacts from the resuspension of sediments containing toxic contaminants are also issues drawing management attention.



New Hampshire Estuaries watershed. Courtesy of USEPA.

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Association of National Estuary Programs

The Association of National Estuary Program (ANEP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting responsible stewardship and a common vision for the preservation of our nation's bays and estuaries.

ANEP's Mission

Bring consistency to estuarine data collection and management, and turn data into useful information that is consolidated into meaningful status and trends at the national scale. Ensure that data are reliable, objective, and goal-directed. Achieve recognition of the critical roles for continued monitoring and assessment.

Educate the public on the meaning and practical application of "responsible stewardship." Ensure that the public understands the long-term nature of solutions to the environmental problems now facing bays and estuaries.

Achieve mutual support and coordination among all coastal programs. Enhance communication among NEPs and between NEPs and other coastal programs. Report both successes and failures to Congress and the American public, while understanding that through 'adaptive management' we can achieve effective management of our nation's bays and estuaries.

Seek explicit congressional support and commitment to implement Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans (CCMPs). Capitalize on the hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours invested thus far, nationwide, and recognize the important role that Management Conferences play as a continuing forum for all stakeholders.

Achieve sufficient federal funding to strengthen the federal/state/local and public/private partnerships that have been fledged across the nation. Achieve stable funding for core program operations, project implementation, and local government pass-through dollars as incentive for regional, multi-jurisdictional cooperation.

