

## New Hampshire Residents Coastal Survey



**QUESTION 1:** Please write your Survey Access Code, included in your invitation letter (ex: NHS01) to proceed with the survey.

Thank you for agreeing to fill out the survey. You are receiving this survey because of your residency within New Hampshire's Coastal Zone. The coastal zone is marked by the green shaded area in the map below, the map is from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services website, at:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/coastal/categories/overview.htm>



**Section 1.** Thank you for agreeing to fill out this survey. In this section, we want to know a little about your opinions and experiences as a New Hampshire Resident.

**QUESTION 2:** How important are the following to you as a resident of a coastal area? (*Select one number for each item*)

	Not Important (1)	(2)	(3)	Somewhat Important (4)	(5)	(6)	Extremely Important (7)
Beautiful scenery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pleasant weather	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clean ocean, estuary, and river waters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public access to coastal resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Working waterfronts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sandy beaches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land-based recreation opportunities (for example, walking & hiking)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water-based recreation opportunities (for example, swimming, boating, & surfing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dining amenities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amusements and theme parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Casinos	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural/arts amenities (museums, galleries, theater)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (write in): _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**QUESTION 3:** In your opinion, what level of priority should coastal managers in New Hampshire assign to the following issues? Please tell us if coastal managers should address each issue as a priority, or as something that should not be done. (*Select one number for each item*)

	Should not be done (1)	(2)	Not important Priority (3)	(4)	Important Priority (5)	(6)	Top Priority (7)
Protection, restoration, or enhancement of working waterfronts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection, restoration, or enhancement of shellfish growing areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Reducing the impacts of coastal growth and development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection or enhancement of coastal water quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supporting commercial fishing industries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanding tourist attractions in coastal areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reducing the spread of invasive plants and animals (for example, green crabs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reducing erosion at sandy beaches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilitating the siting of wind energy facilities in coastal areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection, restoration, or enhancement of coastal wetlands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preventing threats to life and destruction of property from coastal hazards such as flooding, sea level rise, and storm surge	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attaining increased opportunities for public access to coastal areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reducing pollution entering coastal and ocean environments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilitating the siting of tidal energy facilities in coastal areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilitating the siting of oil and gas energy facilities in coastal areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilitating the siting of aquaculture facilities in the coastal areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (write in): _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Section 2.** In this section we would like to know your opinions about New Hampshire's coastal water quality.

**QUESTION 4:** Please think about water quality in terms of the risks to people's health, including the safety of swimming in the water and the health of the marine environment, including the health of plants and animals. In your opinion, how would you rate the ocean water quality in these New England states and Canadian Provinces? (*Select one rating for each State/Province*)

	Poor (1)	Fair (2)	Good (3)	Very Good (4)	Excellent (5)
Maine	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New Hampshire	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Massachusetts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rhode Island	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Connecticut	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New Brunswick	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nova Scotia	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**QUESTION 5:** Do you think there is any change you could make in your everyday behavior, for example actions you take in your house or yard, that would help to improve the quality of New Hampshire's coastal water? (*Select one*)

- Yes
- No

**QUESTION 6:** Do you think there is anything that you do now as part of your everyday behavior that worsens New Hampshire's coastal water quality? (*Select one*)

- Yes
- No

**QUESTION 7:** In your opinion, if most of your neighbors changed their everyday behavior, how much would it improve the quality of New Hampshire's coastal water? (*Select one*)

- A great deal
- Some
- Not much
- A little
- None

**QUESTION 8:** In your opinion, how important are each of the following benefits of coastal water that is **clean and free of pollution or contaminants** to you and your family. (*Select one number for each item*)

	Not Important (1)	(2)	(3)	Somewhat Important (4)	(5)	(6)	Extremely Important (7)
People getting sick from contaminated water (e.g.: stomach ailments, infections)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cloudy or murky water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People being advised not to go to the beach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People being unable to harvest shellfish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduced quality of coastal experience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Harming animals, fish, and birds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Decreased coastal property values	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduced opportunity for coastal activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Decreased coastal tourism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (write in) _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**QUESTION 9:** In your opinion, how important are each of the following problems associated with **poor coastal water quality**. (*Select one number for each item*)

	Not Important (1)	(2)	(3)	Somewhat Important (4)	(5)	(6)	Extremely Important (7)
Allows for harvesting of shellfish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allows for commercial aquaculture production of shellfish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provides a healthy marine environment for animals, fish, birds and other marine species	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved coastal experience (views, boating, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

I can do my favorite coastal activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Others can do their favorite coastal activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People do not get sick from contaminated water (e.g. stomach ailments, infections)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased property values in coastal communities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased coastal tourism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (write in): _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**QUESTION 10:** In your opinion, how much of a **negative impact** do the following have on coastal water quality in New Hampshire? (*Select one number for each item*)

	Not Important (1)	(2)	(3)	Somewhat Important (4)	(5)	(6)	Extremely Important (7)
Polluted river/stream runoff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fertilizers, pesticides, & chemicals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Failing septic systems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nearby boats &/or marinas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Climate change (including sea level rise, ocean acidification & ocean warming)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coastal industrial &/or residential development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Animal waste (including from dogs and birds)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aging or failing wastewater treatment facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coastal algae blooms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Industrial pollution	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inland industrial &/or residential development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (write in): _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Section 3.** In this section we would like to know about your experience with seafood.

**QUESTION 11:** How often do members of your household consume seafood? (*Select one*)

- Daily
- Once per week
- Once per month
- Less than once per month
- Never → *Skip to QUESTION 21*

**QUESTION 12:** What types of seafood does your household consume? (*Please select all that apply*)

- Lobster
- Shrimp
- Clams
- Crabs
- Scallops
- Oysters
- Mussels
- Fish
- Other (write in): \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTION 13:** Where do you typically obtain the seafood you eat? (*Please select all that apply.*)

- Restaurant
- Direct from harvesters
- Grocery store
- From wholesaler
- Other (write in): \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTION 14:** Where does the seafood you and your family eat typically come from? (*Please select all that apply.*)

- New Hampshire
- Other New England states
- Canada
- My local community
- I don't know
- Other (write in): \_\_\_\_\_



**QUESTION 15:** Did you or a family member ever feel sick after eating shellfish (not an allergic reaction)? (*Select one*)

- Yes
- No → *Skip to QUESTION 19*

**QUESTION 16:** Which symptoms did you or your family member experience? (*Select all that apply*)

- Diarrhea
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Stomachache
- Flu-like
- Other (write in): \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTION 17:** Did you report this illness? (*Select one*)

- Yes
- No → *Skip to QUESTION 19*

**QUESTION 18:** Whom did you report this illness to? (write in): \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTION 19:** Do you ever seek information about the safety of eating seafood? (*Select one*)

- Yes
- No → *Skip to QUESTION 21*

**QUESTION 20:** Where do you seek information about the safety of eating New Hampshire seafood? (*Please select all that apply*)

- New Hampshire Office of Travel and Tourism
- New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES)
- New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- New Hampshire Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- New Hampshire Fish and Game
- New Hampshire Sea Grant Extension
- Local shellfish manager
- Local harvesters
- Local wholesaler or retailer
- Online resources (for example, nhstateparks.org)
- Family/Friends
- News media
- University of New Hampshire and/or University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension
- Other (write in): \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTION 21:** Have you ever heard of, or seen, a New Hampshire shellfish area closure? These closures mandate that shellfish cannot be harvested from a specific area due to unsafe conditions, such as pollution in the water.

- Yes
- No

**QUESTION 22:** If a shellfish area is posted as closed, and a person *like you* eats shellfish from this area, in your opinion, how likely is it that this person will get sick?

- Very Likely
- Somewhat Likely
- Somewhat Unlikely
- Very Unlikely

**QUESTION 23:** Please express your opinion by selecting the answer that matches how you feel about each statement. (*Please select one answer for each item*)

	Strongly Disagree (1)	(2)	(3)	Unsure (4)	(5)	(6)	Strongly Agree (7)
New Hampshire shellfish are cleaner than other U.S and Canadian shellfish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shellfish harvested in my local community are cleaner than other New Hampshire shellfish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aquacultured shellfish are cleaner than wild New Hampshire shellfish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shellfish that are wild harvested are cleaner than aquaculture produced shellfish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local seafood from New England is safer to eat than seafood from other places	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I shop for seafood, price matters more than whether it is local	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I buy less local seafood when I hear about problems with bacterial contamination or red tides in New England	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I worry about seafood being contaminated by bacteria that makes it unsafe to eat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**QUESTION 24:** Have you heard of the use of depuration tanks for shellfish? (*Select one*)

- Yes → *Skip Information on Depuration below, proceed to Question 25*
- No

Information on Depuration:

Shellfish feed by filtering particles from the water in which they live. If they are located in an area with poor water quality, they may be harvested and transported to a licensed depuration facility where they are held in clean seawater. The shellfish stay in tanks until bacteria from the original poor water quality environment have been filtered out, at which time they can be sold.

**QUESTION 25:** In your opinion, how do you rate the safety of shellfish treated in depuration tanks compared to other shellfish? (*Select one*)

- Shellfish treated in depuration tanks are safer than other shellfish
- Shellfish treated in depuration tanks are just as safe as other shellfish
- Shellfish treated in depuration tanks are less safe than other shellfish

**Section 4.** By responding to the questions in this section, you will share your opinions of future programs designed to protect Coastal Water Quality in New Hampshire.

**QUESTION 26:** In your opinion, how important are the following actions to protecting New Hampshire’s coastal water quality? (*Select one number for each item*)

	Not Important (1)	(2)	(3)	Somewhat Important (4)	(5)	(6)	Extremely Important (7)
Updating and maintaining septic systems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Better management of marinas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Better management of residential development in coastal areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Better management of industrial development in coastal areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Better management of industrial development in upstream areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Better management of residential development in upstream areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reducing pollution from animal waste (including waste from dogs and birds)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improving wastewater treatment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Treating stormwater runoff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reducing the use of fertilizers, pesticides & chemicals in homes and gardens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protecting and restoring coastal wetlands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improving water quality monitoring to detect pollution levels and sources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making water quality data available to the public	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Educating and/or providing financial resources to municipal officials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**QUESTION 27:**

Coastal Water Quality Improvement Program

A new program has been proposed to maintain and improve coastal water quality. Please think about coastal water quality in terms of risks to people's health, including the safety of swimming in the water and of shellfish harvesting from flats and waters, and the health of the marine environment, including the health of plants and animals. What is your level of agreement with the following statement: (*Select one number*)

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I would be willing to pay higher water/sewer/septic fees to improve coastal water quality.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**QUESTION 28:**

If the Coastal Water Quality Improvement Program would cost your household additional \$7 per month, would you be willing to pay that amount and support the program? (*Select one*)

- Yes**, I would be willing to pay the increase in fees to support the Coastal Water Quality Improvement Program → answer QUESTIONS 29-35, but SKIP QUESTION 30
- No**, I would not be willing to pay the increase in fees to support the Coastal Water Quality Improvement Program → answer QUESTION 29, 30 but then SKIP to SECTION 5

**QUESTION 29:**

Why did you choose the response you did in the question above (i.e. Yes or No)? (Please write your reasons below)

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**QUESTION 30:** (Please answer if you responded NO on QUESTION 28 Then SKIP to Section 5)

Please indicate the single most important reason for your response (select one).

- I can't afford to pay anything at this time.
- I don't contribute to this problem and I should haven't to pay to fix it.
- I don't think the program's investments will work to improve coastal water quality
- I do not have faith in the government to effectively manage this program.
- I am opposed to any new fees.
- Coastal water quality is not an important problem for me.
- I do not think that there are problems with our coastal water quality.
- Other (write in \_\_\_\_\_)

**QUESTION 31:** (Please answer if you responded 'YES' on QUESTION 28)

How much of the Coastal Water Quality Improvement Program budget would you like to see put towards each of the following actions (*should sum to 100%*).

- \_\_\_\_\_ % Updating and maintaining septic systems
- \_\_\_\_\_ % Improving wastewater treatment, sewer, and stormwater runoff infrastructure
- \_\_\_\_\_ % Improving water quality monitoring to detect pollution levels and sources
- \_\_\_\_\_ % Making water quality data available to the public
- \_\_\_\_\_ % Educating and/or providing financial resource to municipal officials
- \_\_\_\_\_ % Better management of industrial development
- \_\_\_\_\_ % Better management of residential development
- \_\_\_\_\_ % Reducing pollution from animal waste (including waste from dogs and birds)
- \_\_\_\_\_ % Improving home and garden practices

**QUESTION 32:** (Please answer if you responded 'YES' on QUESTION 28)

How important are the following Coastal Water Quality Improvement Program outcomes to you? (*Select one number for each item*)

	Not Important (1)	(2)	(3)	Somewhat Important (4)	(5)	(6)	Extremely Important (7)
Improved beach safety (fewer advisories posted at ocean beaches)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increases in flats and waters open for shellfish harvesting (fewer closures)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Healthy environment for marine animals, fish, birds and other species	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased opportunities for aquaculture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved coastal experience (views, boating, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**QUESTION 33:** (Please answer if you responded 'YES' on QUESTION 28)

What other program outcomes matter to you?

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**QUESTION 34:** (Please answer if you responded 'YES' on QUESTION 28)

Who do you trust to run the Coastal Water Quality Improvement Program?

	Least Trusted (1)	(2)	(3)	Somewhat Trusted (4)	(5)	(6)	Most Trusted (7)
New Hampshire Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
University of New Hampshire	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New Hampshire Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New Hampshire SeaGrant	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (write in) _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**QUESTION 35:** (Please answer if you responded 'YES' on QUESTION 28)

Where would you like the efforts of the program to focus? (*Select one*)

- My community
- My region within the state
- Problem areas
- Statewide
- Multi-state (i.e. Maine and New Hampshire)

**Section 5.** In this section, we want to know a little more about your actions and opinions on environmental, public health, and other issues.

**QUESTION 36:** How often do you engage in the following activities? (*Select one number for each item*)

	Never (1)	(2)	(3)	Sometimes (4)	(5)	(6)	Very Often (7)
Eat expired food that still looks okay	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expose yourself to the sun without sunscreen	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wash hands before eating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Eat raw shellfish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Eat raw meat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swim in coastal waters after a heavy rainfall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pump out and maintain your septic system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pick up and dispose of pet waste properly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Discharge boat waste in coastal waters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feed wildlife, including sea birds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**QUESTION 37a:** To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree (1)	(2)	(3)	Unsure (4)	(5)	(6)	Strongly Agree (7)
Global climate change is caused mostly by human activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I generally try to avoid taking risks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't have enough money to take vacations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New Hampshire residents are responsible for helping solve coastal problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local government is responsible for protecting coastal water quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



I am healthier than the average person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My state is an important part of who I am	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local government is effective in protecting coastal water quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I think scientists are doing important work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scientists provide unbiased information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I trust public health scientists who study the safety of the food we eat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**QUESTION 37b:** To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree (1)	(2)	(3)	Unsure (4)	(5)	(6)	Strongly Agree (7)
Global climate change is happening	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't have enough money to buy the things I (or my family) needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't have the money to make needed improvements to my living situation (move, renovate).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visitors to New Hampshire should be responsible for helping solve coastal problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is too difficult for someone like me to do much about coastal issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I consider myself a New Hampshire	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My community is an important part of who I am	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
State government is effective in protecting coastal water quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Science can raise our standard of living	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scientists provide reliable information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I trust environmental scientists who study how pollution affects the ocean	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**QUESTION 37c:** To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree (1)	(2)	(3)	Unsure (4)	(5)	(6)	Strongly Agree (7)
I am generally a person prepared to take risks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't have enough money to pay my rent or mortgage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is my responsibility to help solve coastal problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Government uses best available science in making coastal decisions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My health is my top priority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Others would consider me a Mainer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
State government is responsible for protecting coastal water quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Science has greatly improved my life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I trust scientists	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scientists share my values	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Section 6.** In this last section, we ask you some questions about your background that help us compare your answers to those of other people. We stress that all of your answers are strictly confidential. We thank you again for completing this survey.

**QUESTION 38:** What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

**QUESTION 39:** How old are you? (Please enter your age in number of years) \_\_\_\_\_ years

**QUESTION 40:** How many years have you lived in New Hampshire? (Please enter number of years) \_\_\_\_\_ years

**QUESTION 41:** How many years have you lived at your current address? (Please enter number of years) \_\_\_\_\_ years

**QUESTION 42:** How would you describe your house in New Hampshire? (*Select one*)

- Primary residence
- A secondary residence or vacation home

**QUESTION 43:** What type of water and waste system does your household use? (*Select one*)

- Town/city water and sewer
- Private well and septic system
- Other: (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTION 44:** What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- 0-11 years
- 12 years (High school graduate or GED)
- 1-3 years College (Some college or Associate's degree)
- College Graduate (Bachelor degree or equivalent)
- Postgraduate (Master's, Doctorate, Law or other degree)

**QUESTION 45:** Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

- Student
- Employed full-time
- Employed part-time
- Retired (not working)
- Employed at home
- Homemaker
- Unemployed

**QUESTION 46:** How many people, including yourself, live in your household in each of the following age groups? (Please list the number of people that fit into each age category next to each option. Leave the space blank or enter 0 if no one in the household is in the age group).

\_\_\_\_\_ 0-6 years old  
\_\_\_\_\_ 7-12 years old  
\_\_\_\_\_ 13-18 years old  
\_\_\_\_\_ 19-44 years old  
\_\_\_\_\_ 45-64 years old  
\_\_\_\_\_ 65-84 years old  
\_\_\_\_\_ 85 or older

**QUESTION 47:** In the past year, did you engage in any of the following outdoor recreation activities? (*Please select all that apply*)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater sail/canoe/kayak |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature photography     | <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater boating          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife watching      | <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater fishing          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping                | <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater swimming         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ATV/dirt biking        | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal sail/canoe/kayak    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling           | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal boating             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal fishing             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biking/mountain biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal swimming            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surfing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (write in _____)      |

**QUESTION 48:** Are you a member of religious-based community organization?

- Yes  
 No

**QUESTION 49:** Are you a member of any conservation or environmental organization?

- Yes  
 No

**QUESTION 50:** Do you, or an immediate family member, hold any of the following licenses?  
(Please select all that apply)

- Commercial Shellfish Harvesting License
- Recreational Shellfish Harvesting License
- Other Commercial Harvesting License: (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Other Recreational Harvesting License: (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- None of the above

**QUESTION 51:** Which of the following categories represents your total household income (before taxes)?

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000-\$14,999
- \$15,000-\$24,999
- \$25,000-\$34,999
- \$35,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$74,999
- \$75,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000-\$149,999
- \$150,000-\$199,999
- \$200,000 or above

Thank you for taking the time to tell us about your experiences, opinions and preferences. In the space below, please free to share any additional comments you may have.

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**Participant Raffle Information:** If you would like to be entered into a raffle to win \$75 as a 'thank you' for completing this survey, please provide your name and an email address where we can reach you below: (this information will only be used to notify raffle winners and will **not** be associated with your survey responses).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_