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Public Invited to New Castle for Barbeque July 18

Opportunity to Learn about UNH Marine Research Initiatives

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Three local environmental groups invite the public to the coastal shore of New Castle for an evening barbeque on Thursday, July 18, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. University of New Hampshire Great Bay Coast Watch, the Great Bay Stewards, and Friends of Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge are hosting the event at the U.S. Coast Guard Station, site of many current and future UNH marine research initiatives.

Last year five acres of land and an unused pier were transferred from the U.S. Coast Guard to UNH. The land and pier will be used to support UNH marine science and ocean engineering programs, including the Open Ocean Aquaculture program and the NOAA-UNH Cooperative Institute for Coastal and Estuarine Environmental Technology (CICEET).

Guest speakers Richard Langan, codirector of CICEET, and Duncan Miller of Appledore Engineering, the Portsmouth company that is reconstructing the pier, will discuss the new facilities and opportunities for marine research that are under way.

The event also is an opportunity to learn more about volunteer efforts to promote education, research and stewardship throughout New Hampshire's coastal waters and estuarine systems. In addition, The Sea Chantey Singers, a UNH Marine Docents musical group, will perform traditional seafaring tunes.

Admission is free, although a potluck contribution of an appetizer, salad or dessert would be appreciated.

For more information, including directions and storm location, please contact Ann Reid, coordinator of UNH Great Bay Coast Watch, at (603) 749-1565 or e-mail ann.reid@unh.edu.

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